

1881-82.

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READING, MASS.



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OF THE

Town Officers of Reading

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1882.

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## TOWN OFFICERS—1881-82.

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### Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JAMES REID, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM J. HOLDEN,                      JOSEPH L. PRATT.

### Town Clerk.

WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN.

### Treasurer.

JAMES A. BANCROFT.

### Collector of Taxes.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE.

### School Committee.

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i> .	-	-	-	-	Term expires, 1882
[Resigned Aug. 8th, 1881.]					
WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> .	-	-	-	-	1884
HENRY G. KITTREDGE, <i>Secretary</i> .	-	-	-	-	1882
STILLMAN E. PARKER,	-	-	-	-	1883
ARTHUR W. TEMPLE, [resigned Aug. 8th, 1881]	-	-	-	-	1883
GEORGE E. PUTNEY,	-	-	-	-	1884
JAMES A. BANCROFT, [to fill vacancy]	-	-	-	-	1882
EDWARD F. PARKER,	-	-	-	-	1882

### Road Commissioners.

CHARLES A. WESTON,	-	-	-	-	Term expires, 1882
JONATHAN MOULTON,	-	-	-	-	1883
HENRY S. LA CLAIR,	-	-	-	-	1884

### Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHARLES H. LANG, *Chief*.

GEORGE H. PARKER,                      DANIEL CREESY [deceased],

EDWARD C. NICHOLS,                      JAMES DEWHURST,

WILLIAM L. CROWE [to fill vacancy].

### Constables.

HUBBARD E. COX,

WILLIAM L. CROWE.



**Police Officers.**

HUBBARD E. COX,                      EDWIN BASSETT,  
 WILLIAM L. CROWE,                  JOHN NORWOOD,  
 JOHN A. BLUNT.

**Scaler of Weights and Measures.**

DANIEL B. LOVEJOY.

**Trustees of Public Library.**

STEPHEN FOSTER, <i>Chairman.</i>	-	-	-	-	Term expires, 1883
HIRAM BARRUS, <i>Secretary.</i>	-	-	-	-	" " 1882
HORACE G. WADLIN,	-	-	-	-	" " 1883
WALTER S. PARKER,	-	-	-	-	" " 1882
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	-	-	-	-	" " 1884
JAMES H. GRIGGS,	-	-	-	-	" " 1884

**Trustees of Cemetery.**

SOLON BANCROFT,	-	-	-	-	-	Term expires, 1882
WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1882
WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1883
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1883
FRANCIS O. DEWEY,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1884
GILMAN C. GLEASON,	-	-	-	-	-	" " 1884

**Auditors.**

EDWARD APPLETON,  
 CHARLES H. NOWELL,              GILMAN L. PARKER.



## Town Clerk's Report.

### Births Registered in Reading in 1881.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
1881				
Jan. 1	Charles Warren Paine,	M	James and Adelaide,	Organ Pipe Mk'r.
" 4	William John McCall,	M	Patrick and Margaret,	Harness Maker.
" 12	Gertrude Curtis Brown,	F	Chas. F. and Elizabeth A.,	Patent Solicitor.
" 21	Wilfred Clyde Emerson,	M	Albert F. and Mary A.,	Farmer.
" 25	Ethelind Florence Allen,	F	Frank H. and Florence E.,	Produce Dealer.
April 15	Cornelia Harriet Eames,	F	Jonathan A. and Anna C.,	Farmer.
May 3	Harold Viall Palmer,	M	Edward H. and Emily M.,	Accountant.
" 7	Caroline Elizabeth Skilton,	F	Jonathan and Caroline A.,	Broker.
" 7	Amelia Elizabeth Skilton,	F	Twins,	"
" 11	Rhoda Porter,	F	Simeon and Judith,	Carpenter.
" 12	Florence Belle Messer,	F	Loring W. and Ella A.,	G. Sec'y Y. M. C. A.
" 23	Alice May Ellenwood,	F	John and Elmira W.,	Carp't'r & B'd'r.
" 30	John ——— Connelly,	M	John and Mary,	R. R. Employee.
June 3	Bessie Harnden Richardson,	F	Jason W. and Mary C.	Shoe Manufact'r.
" 6	Harnden,	M	Edward A. and Susie M.,	Clerk.
" 10	Edna Marion Bancroft,	F	Herbert W. and Anna J.,	R. R. Conductor.
" 24	Roger Clinton Holden,	M	Horace B. and Lillian F.,	Merchant.
July 2	Louis Frederick Gay, Jr.,	M	Louis F. and Hattie M.,	"
" 13	Alice Elizabeth Hutchins,	F	Charles and Charlotte E.,	Pub. Mis'y H'l'd.
" 17	Isabel Clethra Gilson,	F	F. Howard and Emily I.,	Music Printer.
" 20	Cornelia Prentiss,	F	Harley and Helen S.,	Salesman.
" 24	Allan Hanscom Barrows,	M	Cyrus M. and Augusta,	Printer.
" 27	Blanch Lona Eames,	F	Rufus C. and Almira E.,	Salesman.
Aug. 4	Plumb,	F	Alice Plumb,	
" 19	Elmer Dexter Jones,	M	J. Dexter and Julia Etta,	Farmer.
" 31	Gracie Emma Manning,	F	George E. and Ida M.,	Farmer.
Sept. 2	Arthur Sawtelle Cook,	M	Frank A. and Helen M.,	Cabinet Maker.
" 6	Florence Marion Nichols,	F	Willard B. and Lottie M.,	Milk Dealer.
" 20	Martha Hodges Kittredge,	F	Henry G. and Martha S.,	Wool & Cot'n M't.
Oct. 9	Minnie H. Hodgdon,	F	Charles and Ellen A.,	Millwright.
" 11	True Ball Badger,	M	Henry B. and Clara A.,	Organ Maker.
" 12	Elizabeth Nellie Melendy,	F	Reuben F. and Nellie L.	Engineer.
" 12	Nellie Elizabeth Melendy,	F	Twins,	"
" 14	Jonathan Edwards Nichols,	M	Richard B. and Josephine A.,	Farmer.
" 17	Chester Willis Brown,	M	Henry A. and Helen M.,	Physician.
" 24	Marion Thomas Todd,	F	Thomas R. and Abbie S.,	Book-keeper.
" 29	John Henry Stokes,	M	Joseph and Susan,	Farmer.
Nov. 21	Arthur Elmore Coney,	M	Charles S. and Annie M.,	Painter.
" 23	Frederick Stanley Parker,	M	Frederick H. and Alice M.,	Carpenter.
" 23	Charles Albert Kearn,	M	David W. and Sarah A.,	Painter.
" 25	Grace Maria Austin,	F	Henry K. and Maria J.,	Machinist.
Dec. 12	Annie Carlton,	F	James H. and Lucy M.,	Merchant.
" 26	Froton,	F	Simon Peter and Urania A.,	Shoemaker.
" 28	William Dewey Hewes,	M	William O. and Isabella P.,	Salesman.
" 30	Laura Whitman Hyde,	F	Edmund A. and Matida F.,	Merchant.

Whole number of Births, 45. Males, 19; Females, 26.

Nativity of Parents, Americans, Fathers, 36; Mothers, 36. Foreign, Fathers, 9; Mothers, 9.

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Reading in 1881.

DATE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	No. of Marriages.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 20	John F. Stimpson, Lydia P. Emerson,	24 22	Reading, Wakefield,	Brush Maker,	Wakefield,	First,	George W. and Martha A., Howard and Hannah P.,	Rev. W. H. Morrison, [Wakefield.
Feb. 15	Justin C. Moulton, Kate R. Cummings,	24 24	Beverly, Reading,	Carpenter,	Beverly,	"	Curtis R. and Elizabeth C., Cyrenus C. & Rebecca M.,	Rev. Daniel Wait, [Beverly.
" 15	Forrest E. Bailey, Mary E. Berry,	23 24	Reading, Georgetown,	Farmer,	Rowley,	"	Henry and Margaret, Georgetown,	Rev. C. W. Heizer.
March 1	Simon Peter Froton, Franka Agnes White,	23 19	Reading, Reading,	Shoemaker,	Nova Scotia,	"	Lukey and Veteine, sylvine and Mary M.,	Rev. M. F. Flatley, [Wakefield.
" 21	Frank G. Nichols, Sarah A. Holmes,	28 26	Reading, Reading,	Shoe Cutter,	Nova Scotia,	"	A. Gould and Adeline, William and Abigail,	Rev. C. W. Heizer.
" 23	John J. Bell, Helen M. Hayden,	32 31	Boston, Reading,	Paper Hanger,	Lynn,	"	Joseph and Barbara, William H. and Sarah M.,	Rev. F. S. Adams.
April 21	D. Marshall Nichols, Phebe G. Harnden,	32 30	Reading, Reading,	Cabinet Maker,	Cambridgeport,	"	Daniel and Nancy O., Elbridge and Abby S.,	Rev. Wm. Barrows.
May 23	John C. Arthur, Narissa A. Manning,	24 24	Reading, Reading,	Mechanic.	Wilmington,	"	James S. and Marion D., Thomas and Martha D.,	Rev. R. F. Tolman, [Melrose.
" 24	Harry Jocar, Rose Doucette,	26 22	Reading, Reading,	Mechanic.	Billerica,	"	David and Julia, John and Julia,	Rev. M. F. Flatley, [Wakefield.
" 27	William B. Reed, Margaret Nichols,	44 37	Reading, Reading,	Mechanic.	Nova Scotia,	"	Luther and Lois, James and Marcella,	Rev. W. H. Morrison, [Wakefield.
July 3	Herbert R. Heselton, Lottie E. Hayes,	23 23	Reading, Reading,	Mechanic.	New York City,	Second,	Richmond and Evelyn, Warren and Hannah,	Rev. P. M. Macdon- ald.
" 26	Henry M. Hayes, Alice B. Temple,	38 31	Reading, Reading,	Book-keeper,	Nova Scotia,	Second, First	Henry M. and Sarah D., Abraham and Cassandara	Rev. L. J. White.
Aug. 7	Samuel Dulong, Madeline Doucette,	22 18	Reading, Reading,	Mechanic.	Wiscasset, Me., Reading,	"	Forman and Eliza, [B. H. Andrew and Seraphi,	Rev. M. F. Flatley, [Wakefield.
" 17	Charles F. Myers, Annie L. Batchelder,	21 20	Reading, Wakefield,	Finisher,	Nova Scotia, Wakefield,	"	Charles and Carrie, Jeremiah and Lois R.,	Rev. R. R. Riddell, [Wakefield.
Sept. 1	Robert Jones, Cynthia A. Southwick	30 31	Reading, Reading,	Tailor,	Wales, G. B., Melrose,	"	Hugh and Ellen, Edmund B. and Abigail,	Rev. J. G. Taylor, [Melrose.
" 6	Lewis Berg, Rosanna Bishop,	23 22	Reading, Reading,	Painter,	Boston,	"	John and Mary, Charles H. and Mary S.,	Rev. R. R. Day, Bos- ton.
" 7	Walter M. Scott, Fannie H. Hartwell,	22 17	Reading, Reading,	Pyrotechnist,	Reading, Reading,	"	Albert A. and Isabella F., Ira W. and Caroline I.,	Rev. W. Silverthorne Rev. C. W. Heizer.
" 21	William I. Rugles, Mina W. Hall,	27 26	Reading, Reading,	Freight Agent,	Reading, Reading,	"	Stephen M. and Elmira B., William and Sarah M.,	Wm. J. Wightman, [Justice of Peace
" 23	Frank L. Johnson, Marcella Colburn,	22 20	Reading, Reading,	Farmer,	Hampstead, N. H., Pelham, N. H.,	"	George W. and Mary L.,	

"	28	George A. Manning,	23 Reading,	Clerk,	Reading,	First,	Charles and Caroline,	Rev. L. J. White.
Oct.	2	Florence A. Titus,	23 Reading,	Stone Cutter,	Reading,	"	William M. and Dolly C.,	Rev. J. K. Ewer.
"	2	Charles S. Barnes,	53 Wakefield,		Nashua, N. H.,	Third,	Asa and Isabel,	
"	5	Lucella Edmunds,	51 Wakefield,	Book-keeper,		Second,	William and Ruth,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
"	5	Elmer J. Brown,	22 Reading,	Farmer,	Reading,	First,	David P. and Harriet A.,	
"	5	Hattie M. Perry,	22 Reading,		Framingham,	"	Job T. and Catharine A.,	Rev. A. E. Winship.
"	20	William H. Mears,	24 Wilmington,	Salesman,	Reading,	"	Stillman E. & Emeline A.,	Rev. P. M. Macdon-
"	20	Mary M. Pease,	22 Reading,	Carpenter,	Andover,	"	James and Mary,	[ald.
"	20	James E. Bigney,	33 Greenville,	Book-keeper,	Cambridge,	"	William and Almira H.,	Rev. F. S. Adams.
"	20	Evelyn C. Bancroft,	24 Reading, [Me	Organ Act'n M'r.	Greenville, Me.,	"	Benjamin S. and Julia M.,	
Dec.	14	Horace E. Cummings,	27 Reading,	Machinist,	Reading,	"	Bradley and Mary J.,	Rev. C. W. Heizer.
"	28	Ella S. Burrill,	26 Reading,		East Boston,	"	Horace L. and Abby L.,	
"	28	Edwin B. Richardson,	23 Woburn,		Reading,	"	John and Nancy,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
"	28	Edith E. Porter,	32 Reading,		Woburn,	"	Barnabas and Amanda,	
"	28	Elton F. Richardson,	32 Reading,		Nova Scotia,	"	William and Charlotte,	Rev. Chas. H. Wat-
"	28	Mary Wilson,	28 Reading,		Reading,	"	Preston and Janet,	[son, Arlington.
"	28	Mary Wilson,	28 Reading,		Arlington,	"	James and Elizabeth J.,	

Whole number of Marriages Registered in Reading for the year 1881, 28. Nativity of persons married, American, Males, 23; Females, 23; Foreign, Males, 5; Females, 5.

## Deaths Registered in Reading for the year 1881.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Y. M. D.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBAND.	CAUSE.
Jan.	22 William R. Perkins,	72 2 11	Elliott and Anna,	Heart Disease.
"	31 Addie B. Pierce,	25 7 19	Andrew & Mary S. (Howes)	Pneumonia.
Feb.	3 Henry Hock,	33 7		Consumption.
"	27 Hettie M. Wiswell,	23 8 17	J. C. and Alice S.,	Consumption.
"	26 William F. Durgin,	52 10 4	Ira O. and Elizabeth C.,	Congestion of Brain.
March	8 Mary A. Lovejoy,	59 8 9	Daniel B. Lovejoy,	Angina Pectoris.
"	11 Warren N. Parker,	35 4	Ward and Eliza,	Hem. of Kidneys.
"	15 Elizabeth Newell,	62 8 3	Levi L. & Eliz'h W. (Whit-	
"	14 James E. Eames,	36 7 14	James & Delia, [comb.]	Consumption.
"	22 Amos Temple,	78	Richard and Hannah,	Old Age.
"	24 Lavina P. Nichols,	80	Wm. & Sarah D. (Parker),	Heart Disease.
"	23 Earl Wiechman,	40		Chronic Diarrhea.
"	24 Phineas H. Jaquith,	54	James and Julia,	Cancer.
"	25 Daniel Creesey,	55 2 12	Maxwell and Johanna,	Pneumonia.
"	26 Nellie Judkins,	31	John Judkins,	Consumption.
"	31 Thomas Pratt,	82 3 5	David and Elizabeth,	Influenza.
April	9 Jonathan Frost,	83 9 27	Jonathan and Beulah,	Sloughing of Fatty
"	10 Mary E. Harnden,	69 8 17	Wid. of Sylvester Harnden	Pneumonia. [Tumor.
"	15 Annie Austin,	35 2 8	R. H. & Betsey W. (Pratt),	Disease of Spine.
"	15 Polly Smith,	97 6 5	Aaron & Jerusha (Parker),	Acute Bronchitis.
"	19 Mary E. Hartshorne,	65 15	Nathaniel & Polly (Russell,	Apoplexy.
"	20 Emory Bancroft,	44	Emory and Harriet,	Pneumonia.
"	21 E. Fanny Wheeler,	42	Timothy and Hannah S.,	Consumption.
"	23 Melville Kingman,	39 10 9	Francis and Mary G.,	Consumption.
May	4 Martha Batchelder,	81 5 2	Nathaniel and Lydia,	Chronic Bronchitis.
"	14 Sarah L. Johnson,	47	Loammi & Abigail (Rich-	Cerebral Acdeama.
"	25 Maria A. Dow,	49	Nelson, [ardson],	Pneumonia.
"	26 Caroline A. Skilton,	30 4 3	Jonathan Skilton,	Fever.
June	7 Elizabeth A. Blood,	54 7	Wm. & Betsey C. (Morgan,	Diabetes.
"	14 Annie E. Gray,	2 1	Ira C. and Sarah E.,	Bronchitis.
"	27 Rebecca P. Batchelder,	77 19	David & Rebecca (Preston,	Heart Disease.
"	27 Sabrina B. Nichols,	75 9 25	Reuben Nichols,	Paralysis.
"	29 Milo Parker,	66 8 10	Jonathan and Susie,	Pneumonia.
July	4 Frank H. Parker,	3 2 27	Edward F. and Annie F.,	Pneumonia.
"	4 W. Henry Nason,	23 11 27	Wesley and Sarah A.,	Accidental.
"	22 Phebe Hill,	85 16	Benj. & Hannah (Moor),	Paralysis.
"	26 Alice Fran's Copeland,	2 7	Edward & Christiana C.,	Cholera Infantum.
"	27 Philomelia P. Damon,	87 6 5	Amos and Betsey (Parker),	Paralysis.
"	29 Peltiah Spearin,	86	Benj. and Hannah,	Old Age.
Aug.	5 Charles H. Moulton,	35 11	William and Mary,	Accidental.
"	6 Robert B. Jackson,	62 4	John and Nancy,	Apoplexy.
"	10 Mary A. Higginson,	70	John and M. A. (Powers),	Cancer.
"	22 Louise Blanchard,	1 1	Langdon and Agnes,	Meningitis.
"	31 Dorothy Pierce,	76	John H. & Mary (Rideout,	Dysentery.
Sept.	12 Henry R. Kidder,	62	Daniel and Nancy,	Apoplexy.
"	15 Eliza Dale,	87 6 25	R't & Hannah (Williams),	Ossification of Heart.
"	18 Martha Wightman,	94 2 24	Joseph and — (Stokes)	Heart Disease.
"	24 Emily George,	74 8 29	Amos & Martha (Marrett),	Cancer.
Nov.	12 Martha S. Kittredge,	36 11 5	Henry G. Kittredge,	Emb. of Pul. Art's.
"	25 John H. Conant,	56 3 22	Peter and Harriet,	Pul. Consumption.
"	25 Drusilla Knights,	59 4 21	John Knights,	Stricture.
Dec.	6 Michael Kelley,	60	John and Anna,	Pneumonia.
"	19 Aaron Temple,	77 2 4	Richard and Hannah,	Cancer.

Deaths Registered, 53. Males, 23; Females, 30. Nativity, American, 48; Foreign, 5.

THERE WERE	2	DEATHS	BETWEEN	90	AND	100.	AVERAGE	AGE,	Y.	M.	D.
	8	"	"	80	"	90.	"	"	86	6	10
	8	"	"	70	"	80.	"	"	77	7	15
	7	"	"	60	"	70.	"	"	64	4	6
	8	"	"	50	"	60.	"	"	55	11	27
	8	"	"	40	"	50.	"	"	44	4	25
	8	"	"	30	"	40.	"	"	34	10	07
	3	"	"	20	"	30.	"	"	24	5	11
	No	"	"	4	"	20.	"	"	"	"	"
	4		under	4	"	"	"	"	1	9	7

### Dog Licenses.

Whole number of Dogs licensed for the year 1881..... 112

Males, 107.

Females, 5.

107 males at        \$2.00 each..... \$214 00

5 females at        5.00 “ ..... 25 00

\$239 00

Fees, for 112 licenses, 20 cents each..... 22 40

Paid County Treasurer..... \$216 60 as per receipt.

MIDDLESEX, SS., Dec, 9, 1881.

William J. Wightman, Clerk of the Town of Reading, has paid into the Treasury of said Middlesex County, two hundred sixteen and 60-100 dollars for Dog Licenses for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, as per his account of 1st instant.

AMOS STONE, County Treasurer.

WM. J. WIGHTMAN, Town Clerk.



## OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

### Almshouse.

#### INMATES.

Catharine O'Keefe.....	Age 75 years.
Joanna Wall.....	82
Caroline E. Wiley.....	75
Mary Brown.....	81
Hannah Welch, admitted Sept. 27, 1881.....	67
Sarah L. Johnson, admitted May 2, 1881, died May 14, 1881.....	47
Mabel Johnson, admitted May 2, 1881.....	14
Jonathan Pratt.....	72
Daniel Spokesfield.....	63
Alpheus Austin.....	62
James Hunter.....	38

#### EXPENDED.

George Beasley, keeper, salary.....	\$400 00
G. W. Atkinson, groceries.....	223 57
Parker & Stone, ".....	260 02
Merrick A. Stone, ".....	157 07
T. C. Trow, provisions.....	120 98
Henry Harnden, provisions.....	103 66
Frank Allen, ".....	11 74
A. M. Smith, ".....	14 40
Hosea L. Day, crackers, etc.....	67 62
Warren H. Godfrey, fish.....	31 46
Wendell Bancroft, coal.....	35 00
Joseph L. Pratt, wood.....	54 50
Albert F. Emerson, wood.....	10 62

*Amount carried forward,*

**\$1,490 64**

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,490 64
Matthew Hanley, carpets, bedding, etc.....	11 34
A. P. Kendall, furniture.....	18 00
George Beasley, keeper, sundries for inmates...	75 62
William H. Willis & Son, medicines.....	4 31
F. F. Brown, M. D., attendance and medicines..	34 50
James Reid, dry goods.....	17 67
William L. Jones, labor .....	6 25
Milton D. Parker, " .....	75
Mary Riordan, labor in house.....	130 36
Wendell Bancroft, repairs.....	3 54
Charles G. Rogers, " .....	19 27
Robert P. Burgess, " .....	7 50
Moses E. Nichols, " .....	30
Copeland & Bowser, " .....	6 32
Francis Bartley, clothing.....	18 35
Samuel Brown, wheelwright work.....	5 50
R. C. Totten, blacksmith work .....	6 15
John A. Blunt, " " .....	11 89
George Beasley, heifer.....	5 00
Alfred Wiley, pasturing cow.....	4 80
	<hr/> \$1,878 06

## RECEIVED.

George Beasley, labor on highway and snow in 1880 .....	\$122 15
George Beasley, labor on highway in 1881-'82..	106 95
" " " " snow " " " ..	16 25
" " " " Main street, " " ..	13 80
" " lighting street lights on account	73 29
" " tarring trees on Common.....	2 50
Jonathan Pratt on account of board.....	60 75
George W. Beasley, for " .....	156 43
Catharine O'Keefe's pension and State aid .....	144 00
Wood sold.....	150 26
Produce sold .....	139 04
Stock " .....	11 58
Supply for tramps (93).....	27 90
Estate of Alfred Baldwin, an old account.....	22 00
Amount drawn from Treasury.....	831 16
	<hr/> \$1,878 06



Amount drawn from Treasury.....	\$831 16	
“ of bills collected for previous years...	144 15	
	<hr/>	\$975 31
Amount of bills due Almshouse account.....	\$156 43	
“ “ “ “ from street lights.....	160 32	
	<hr/>	\$316 75
Net expense of poor at Almshouse.....		\$658 56
Amount of bills due for previous years which will undoubtedly be paid.....	\$271 43	

## POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Benjamin Weston, support at Worcester Lunatic Hospital.....	\$191 35	
Benjamin Weston, support of family, fuel.....	23 13	
	<hr/>	\$214 48
Abigail P. Beers, support at Northampton Luna- tic Hospital.....		174 03
Mary Gowing, support at Worcester Lunatic Hospital.....		183 68
Cleaveland B. Holt, supplies.....	\$79 50	
“ “ “ fuel.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	97 50
Sarah L. Johnson, rent.....	\$10 00	
“ “ “ supplies.....	9 80	
“ “ “ fuel.....	5 51	
“ “ “ medical attendance.....	28 00	
“ “ “ medicines.....	9 05	
	<hr/>	\$62 36
William H. Manning, supplies.....		78 41
George C. Stevens, expense at hospital.....		7 80
Sarah E. Hartshorne, supplies.....	\$42 02	
“ “ “ medical attendance.....	2 50	
“ “ “ medicines.....	50	
“ “ “ burial expenses.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 02
Eliza M. Bancroft, supplies.....		72 64
Charles W. Kelley, expense at hospital.....		6 50
Louisa R. Parker, supplies.....		59 43
Dorothy Pierce, rent.....	\$27 00	

Dorothy Pierce, fuel.....	7 88	
“ “ medical attendance.....	27 50	
	<hr/>	62 38
Mrs. Sophia Best, city of Lynn for supplies.....		42 01
Everett Parker, supplies.....		8 00
Michael Kelley, widow of, fuel.....		3 75
Sarah L. Penny, supplies.....		73 50
Edwin L. Hewes, “ .....		1 50
Mrs. Emil Ross, “ city of Boston .....		3 70
Mary A. Blanchard, supplies.....	\$ 2 00	
“ “ “ fuel.....	47 12	
“ “ “ medical attendance.....	13 75	
“ “ “ medicines.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	64 87
Caroline Weichman, rent.....		\$ 42 00
John A. Messer, town of Winchester, supplies..		16 25
Bridget Donigan, supplies.....		39 00
John H. Daland, rent.....	\$44 00	
“ “ “ supplies .....	5 00	
	<hr/>	49 00
Clara White, board .....	4 00	
“ “ medicine .....	60	
	<hr/>	4 60
Tom Thomas, wife of, supplies.....	7 01	
“ “ medical attendance.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	11 01
George H. Daland, supplies.....	6 00	
“ “ “ fuel.....	10 88	
	<hr/>	16 88
Lucy Freeman, supplies.....		10 00
Charles E. Dame, rent .....	78 00	
“ “ “ supplies.....	105 43	
“ “ “ medical attendance.....	10 00	
“ “ “ medicine.....	90	
	<hr/>	\$194 33
Luella R. Lloyd, rent.....	\$60 00	
“ “ “ fuel.....	37 88	
	<hr/>	97 88
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		\$1,762 51

Appropriation for support of poor.....	\$3,150 00
Expense of poor in Almshouse.....	\$975 31
"    "    "    out of Almshouse.....	1,762 51
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Balance unexpended.....	2,737 82
	\$412 18

RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR, OUT OF ALMSHOUSE, AS  
PER TREASURER'S REPORT.

From town of Malden for supplies for Sarah L. Penny.....	\$ 9 00
city of Boston for supplies for Charles E. Dame .....	151 86
city of Boston for supplies for Luella R. Lloyd .....	97 12
town of Winchendon, aid to Denzel Har- rington.....	23 00
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	\$250 98

DUE FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

From city of Boston for supplies for Charles E. Dame .....	\$194 33
city of Boston for supplies for Luella R. Lloyd.....	97 88
city of Malden for supplies for Sarah L. Penny.....	73 50
town of Lynnfield for supplies for Edwin L. Hewes.....	1 50
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	\$367 21

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE:-

Furniture, crockery, tin ware, etc.....	\$305 64
Stoves, fixtures, etc.....	120 62
Beds and bedding.....	316 63
Provisions.....	127 25
Horse.....	140 00
Cow.....	45 00
Heifer.....	25 00
Swine.....	45 00
Fowls.....	22 00

*Amount carried forward,*

\$1147.14

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1147.14
Light wagon. ....	25 00
Farm " .....	50 00
Stone " .....	20 00
Two carts.....	80 00
Horse sled.....	18 00
Sleigh.....	8 00
Wheelbarrow .....	4 00
Mowing machine.....	20 00
Snow plough.....	5 00
* Hay .....	107 50
Grain .....	8 25
Fodder.....	5 00
Manure .....	75 00
Coal and wood.....	49 00
Posts and lumber.....	3 00
Fence wire.....	1 50
Farming tools, harnesses, etc.....	189 87
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	\$1,816 26
Bills due for board and labor.....	588 18
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	\$2,404 44

JAMES REID,  
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN, } Overseers  
JOSEPH L. PRATT, } of  
Peor.

Reading, March 1, 1882.

## Assessors' Report.

### VALUATION FOR TAXATION.

Real estate.....	\$2,129,167 00	
Personal estate.....	393,998 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,523,165 00
Amount of appropriations.....	\$30,427 81	
Overlayings.....	682 75	
State tax.....	1,950 00	
County tax.....	979 89	
	<hr/>	\$34,040 45
Assessed on 872 polls, \$2 each.....	\$1,744 00	
"    "    personal estate.....	5,043 11	
"    "    real estate.....	27,253 34	
	<hr/>	34,040 45
One poll subsequently assessed.....	2 00	
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Amount of list committed for collection,	\$34,042 45	
Rate of taxation, \$12 80 per \$1,000,		
Total number of polls.....		873
"    "    "    horses.....		275
"    "    "    cows.....		288
"    "    "    sheep.....		7
"    "    "    dwelling-houses.....		687
"    "    "    acres of land.....		5739½
Value of real estate, 1882.....	\$2,129,167 00	
"    "    "    "    1881.....	2,109,096 00	
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Increase.....		\$20,071 00

Value of personal estate, 1882.....	393,998 00	
“ “ “ “ 1881.....	348,720 00	
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Increase.....		45,278 00
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Total amount of increase.....		\$65,349 00

In submitting the foregoing report, we would respectfully call attention to the change in the law in regard to the taxation of mortgages as real estate, which will become operative the present year, unless repealed or changed by the present Legislature. Its effect will probably be to reduce the amount of personal property liable to be taxed, increase the rate of taxation, and materially add to the labors of the Assessors.

JAMES REID,  
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN, } Assessors  
JOSEPH L. PRATT, } of  
Reading.

*Reading, March 1, 1882.*

## Selectmen's Account.

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation.....	\$2,100 00
Paid James Reid, for services as Selectman, As- sessor, Overseer of Poor, Board of Health, etc., to March 1, 1882.....	\$300 00
William J. Holden, for services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, Board of Health, etc., to March 1, 1882.....	300 00
Horace G. Wadlin, for services as School Committee.....	30 00
S. E. Parker, for services as School Commit- tee to March 1, 1881.....	50 00
S. E. Parker, in part for services as School Committee in 1881.....	30 00
George E. Putney, in part for services as School Committee.....	45 00
Hubbard E. Cox, for services as Constable..	32 50
William J. Wightman, for services as Town Clerk.....	50 00
W. W. Davis, for services as School Commit- tee for March, 1881.....	4 00
John A. Blunt, for services as Policeman...	8 75
Arthur W. Temple, for services as School Committee from March 1 to July 7, 1881..	12 00
William L. Crowe, for services as Policeman and Constable.....	16 00
Edward F. Parker, for services as School Committee from August 16, 1881, to March 1, 1882.....	25 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$903 25</u>



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	903 25
James A. Bancroft, for services as School Committee from August 16, 1881, to March 1, 1882.....	25 00
James A. Bancroft, for services as Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1882.....	125 00
James A. Bancroft, for services as Collector.	15 00
Henry G. Kittredge, for services as School Committee for the year ending March, 1882.....	60 00
Walter S. Parker, for services as School Committee to March 1, 1882.....	50 00
Charles A. Weston, for services as Road Commissioner from March 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882.....	50 00
Henry S. LaClair, for services as Road Commissioner to March 1, 1882.....	45 83
Jonathan Moulton, for services as Road Commissioner from March 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882.....	50 00
R. Dexter Temple, on account as Collector of tax of 1881.....	200 00
R. Dexter Temple, on account as Collector of tax of 1880.....	50 00
Joseph L. Pratt, for services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor and Board of Health, etc., to March 1, 1882.....	175 00
	<hr/> \$1,749 08
Amount unexpended.....	350 92

## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation.....	\$3,000 00
Theron Johnson.....	\$440 00
Chrisje Ridder.....	32 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	650 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	1122 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	1122 00
Maria L. De Labarre.....	750 00
Mrs. Mary Stimpson.....	42 50
Prissie Leathe.....	22 50
Charlotte Weston.....	12 00
Institution for Savings, Newburyport.....	300 00
Amanda Goldsmith, Guardian.....	90 00
Joseph L. Wiley, Trustee.....	225 00
Harriet A. Brown.....	12 00
James A. Baucroft.....	75 00
Jules R. Allen, estate of.....	10 00
Miss Mary Stimpson.....	45 00
G. C. Gleason, on trust fund.....	6 00
First National Bank, Chelsea.....	75 00
	<hr/> 2,787 00
Amount unexpended.....	<hr/> \$213 00

## REPAIRING HEARSE.

Appropriation.....	\$120 00
George L. Brownell.....	\$120 00

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00
Temporary loan, in anticipation of taxes.....	2,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	500 00
	<hr/> \$4,000 00
Paid William L. Crowe, distributing Town Reports.....	\$5 00
A. G. Brown, printing 1,200 copies Valuation.....	140 00
W. H. Twombly, printing 1,200 Town Reports.....	128 00
W. H. Twombly, extra on Town Clerk's tables (nonpareil).....	5 90
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> 90

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$278 90
W. H. Twombly, printing 50 extra School Reports .....	4 00
W. H. Twombly, printing and advertising, " " " " 1,000 copies By-laws .....	32 06
W. H. Twombly, printing 100 Police Regulations (card board).....	25 00
W. H. Twombly, printing Assessors' notices and dog licenses (posters).....	9 00
W. H. Twombly, printing 1,000 Selectmen's orders .....	3 25
W. H. Twombly, printing and advertising, " " " " warrants and ballots .....	4 00
W. H. Twombly, printing and advertising \$500 Reward.....	16 25
W. H. Twombly, printing and advertising, Lyceum Hall Association, for use of hall..	4 50
Books and stationery.....	5 25
A. W. Danforth, blank licenses and bonds,	3 50
A. S. Richardson, oak pump on Common..	42 50
" " " repairs on pumps.....	9 33
J. H. Hanaford, postage stamps.....	60
James Reid, expense on hearse to and from Boston .....	17 00
James Reid, railroad fares .....	3 25
Thomas Groom & Co., Collector's Tax-book,	3 00
Charles Taylor, carriage hire on account Mineral street crossing.....	2 50
Cyrus M. Barrows, printing 2,000 tax-bills,	4 85
George W. Dean, ringing bell for town meetings and 4th of July.....	1 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	5 00
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	\$480 74

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$480 74
George W. Dean, tolling bell (President Garfield's funeral).....	2 00
S. E. Parker, taking census of school children in 1881.....	12 00
Lang's Express.....	90
Peter B. Teed, oiling and cleaning trees on Common.....	1 00
Copeland & Bowser, sundries for decoration for President Garfield memorial services.....	18 12
Nathan Bancroft, care and repair of flag..	9 00
F. W. B. Pratt, sundries for decoration services.....	1 50
Hannah Hunt, payment of temporary loan,	500 00
“ “ interest on “ “	4 68
James A. Bancroft, temporary loan and discount.....	2,000 00
Everett Parker, posting notices.....	1 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material on wells and platform.....	25 77
Wendell Bancroft, repairing flag-staff....	4 00
D. P. Babb, removing dead horse from highway.....	1 50
George Mack, tolling bell, memorial services.....	3 00
Harland P. Pratt, tolling bell, memorial services.....	4 00
Frank W. Parker, tolling bell, memorial services.....	1 50
James A. Bancroft, plan of Mineral street crossing.....	3 00
Gilman C. Gleason, returning 52 deaths to Town Clerk.....	13 00
Cummings' Express.....	3 80
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$3,093 51

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,093 51
George Beasley, tarring trees on Common,	2 50
William J. Wightman, recording births, deaths and marriages.....	35 50
William J. Wightman, making official records.....	12 00
William J. Wightman, issuing certificate to Representative.....	2 00
William J. Wightman, stationery, stamps and dog licenses.....	5 00
P. McCall, straps for use of Sexton.....	3 50
John A. Blunt, repairs on flag-staff.....	2 37
Wendell Bancroft, coal for Town Office...	8 25
William Proctor, rent of office to March 1, 1882.....	150 00
John Starrett, shades for gas lights in office.....	70
L. Descalzo & Co., lengthening gas-pipe in office.....	50
Garfield & Co., renewing sign at Town Office .....	5 00
George Beasley, keeper, wood for office..	6 00
Citizens' Gas Light Company, gas from Jan. 1, 1871, to Dec. 1, 1881.....	39 50
Abatement of taxes, James A. Bancroft, Collector.	
“ “ “ list of 1878, personal,	28 47
“ “ “ “ “ 1879, “	31 92
“ “ “ “ “ 1878, real ....	1 18
“ “ “ “ “ 1879, “ ....	88
“ “ “ R. Dexter Temple, Collector.	
“ “ “ list of 1880, personal,	59 57
“ “ “ “ “ “ real ....	38 87
“ “ overtaxation list of 1881,	5 12
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$3,531 94

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,531 94	
John Ayer, " " "	6 08	
Mary E. Arkerson, " " "	3 84	
Climena Wakefield, " " "	7 68	
Mark M. Temple, " " "	15 36	
Clara A. Battelle, " " "	6 40	
Maria P. Howard, guardian, " " "	6 40	
Supplies for tramps (93).....	27 90	
	<hr/>	3,603 00
Amount unexpended.....		<hr/> 397 00

## STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation.....		\$450 00
Citizens' Gas Light Co. for Gas.....	\$158 26	
United States Street Lighting Co. for Naphtha..	53 33	
Frank H. LaClair, for lighting.....	24 45	
" " " " repairs.....	75	
United States Street Lighting Company for Alcohol.....	80	
United States Street Lighting Company for New Burners.....	38 50	
Lang's Express.....	12 55	
L. Descalzo & Co., for repairs.....	2 88	
Peter Gray, for 6 Copper Lanterns.....	36 00	
" " " " packing the same.....	75	
William H. Bancroft, for painting and glazing..	7 55	
W. B. Magee, for burners.....	3 50	
Moses E. Nichols, for repairs.....	1 60	
George Beasley, keeper, on account of lighting.	73 29	
John Starrett, for repairs.....	1 90	
David C. Temple, for ladder.....	2 00	
Theodore F. Gould for repairing ladder.....	35	
Cummings' Express.....	6 40	
	<hr/>	424 86
Amount not drawn.....		<hr/> \$25 14

Amount expended.....	\$424 86	
“ of bills due, unpaid.....	160 32	
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	585 18	
Appropriation.....	450 00	
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Expense in excess of appropriation.....		\$135 18

## MILITARY AID.

Appropriation (under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879, one-half reimbursed by the State).....		\$1200 00
Paid John F. Cook.....	\$36 00	
George E. Leathe.....	96 00	
John Flynn.....	88 00	
Frank S. Stowell.....	79 33	
Henry W. Kummer.....	22 67	
Charles Jenkins, to Feb. 20th, 1882.....	98 66	
John M. Houseman.....	92 40	
	<hr/>	513 06
Balance.....		<hr/> \$686 94
[Under Chap. 301, Acts of 1879, wholly reim bursed by the State.]		
Paid William Mears.....	72 00	
George W. Carleton.....	54 00	
Benjamin McAlister.....	72 00	
Marcella Woods.....	48 00	
Harriet C. Robinson.....	48 00	
Sarah Hetler.....	48 00	
Dorcas Berry.....	48 00	
Lydia C. Eaton.....	48 00	
Sarah Nichols.....	48 00	
Mary A. Blanchard.....	48 00	
Margaret Pinkham.....	48 00	
Thomas S. Washburn.....	9 00	
Henry F. Scruton.....	72 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$663 00	



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$663 00	
Eliza Stevens.....	48 00	
Martin J. DeRonde.....	72 00	
Lambertus W. Krook.....	36 00	
Eliza Ann Hobbs.....	44 00	
Caroline Goodwin.....	48 00	
Charlotte Richardson.....	48 00	
Seth Bessey.....	72 00	
Catharine O. Keefe.....	48 00	
William B. Reed.....	19 50	
		<u>\$1,098 50</u>
Amount paid under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879...	\$513 06	
“ “ “ “ 301, “ “ “	1,098 50	
		<u>\$1,611 56</u>
Appropriation .....	\$1,200 00	
Amount paid out in excess of appropriation...		\$411 56

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation.....	\$8,000 00	
Cash received from School Committee drawn from School fund.....	130 02	
		<u>\$8,130 02</u>
Amount expended.....	8,130 02	

## INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Appropriation.....	\$700 00	
Cash received from other sources, as per School Committee's report.....	76 35	
		<u>776 35</u>
Amount expended.....	776 35	

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$3,000 00
Cash received from sale of loam, etc.....	43 25

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 3,043 25

Amount expended.....	3,039 81
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Amount not expended.....	\$3 44
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## SALEM STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Amount expended.....	100 00

## AUBURN AND BEACON STREETS.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Amount expended.....	189 44

Balance unexpended.....	\$10 56
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## MINERAL STREET.

Balance of appropriation of April, 1880-'81....	\$92 70
Amount expended.....	5 00

Balance unexpended.....	\$87 70
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## CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation.....	\$500 00
Amount expended.....	414 21

Balance unexpended.....	\$85 79
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## GRADING MAIN STREET.

Appropriation.....	\$600 00
Amount expended.....	600 00

## SIDEWALK MT. VERNON STREET.

Appropriation.....	\$50 00
Amount expended.....	50 00

## FLAGSTONES.

Appropriation.....	\$150 00
Amount expended.....	105 63

Balance unexpended.....	\$44 37
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## GUIDEPOSTS.

Appropriation.....	\$50 00	
Amount expended.....	24 71	
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Amount unexpended.....		\$25 29

## CLEARING SNOW IN 1880-'81.

Appropriation.....	\$142 69	
Amount expended.....	142 69	
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## CLEARING SNOW IN 1881-'82.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00	
Amount expended.....	300 00	
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$1,700 00	
Amount expended.....	1,582 92	
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Amount unexpended.....		\$117 08

## CISTERN MT. VERNON STREET.

Appropriation.....	\$350 00	
Amount expended.....	349 96	
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Amount not drawn.....		04
Amount expended.....	\$349 96	
“ not drawn.....	04	
bill unpaid.....	7 50	
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	357 50	
Appropriation.....	350 00	
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Expense in excess of appropriation.....		\$7 50
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00	
Dog Tax.....	207 94	
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	507 94	
Amount expended.....	507 94	

## CEMETERY.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Amount expended.....	<u>300 00</u>

## SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Amount expended.....	<u>100 00</u>

## OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Appropriation.....	\$50 00
Amount expended.....	<u>50 00</u>

## TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation.....	\$2,457 81
Cash from new loan.....	7,500 00
Amount expended in excess of appropriation..	<u>42 19</u>

\$10,000 00

Note paid, Commonwealth of Mass.....	10,000 00
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Amounts have been paid Treasurer as follows :

By School Committee on account of Schools...	\$130 02	
“ “ Incidentals..	<u>76 35</u>	\$206 37

Amount overdrawn on account of Schools...	\$130 02	
“ “ Incidentals.....	<u>76 35</u>	\$206 37

Amount paid Treasurer by Road Commissioners,	43 25	
“ overdrawn on Highways.....	<u>39 81</u>	

Unexpended balance in favor of Highways.....		\$3 44
Amount unpaid for building Cistern on Mount Vernon St.....	\$7 50	
Balance of Appropriation not drawn.....	<u>04</u>	
Amount due unpaid.....		\$7 46

## MILITARY AID.

Amount paid.....	\$1611 56	
“ of Appropriation.....	\$1200 00	
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“ paid in excess of appropriation.....		\$411 56

## STREET LIGHTS.

Expense during the year.....	\$610 32	
Amount of appropriation.....	450 00	
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Bills due and unpaid.....		\$160 32

## CLEARING SNOW.

Expense during the year.....	\$480 19	
Amount of appropriation.....	300 00	
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Bills due and unpaid.....		\$180 19

## SUMMARY.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools.....	\$8,000 00	
School Incidentals.....	700 00	
Support of Poor.....	3,150 00	
Highways and Bridges.....	3,000 00	
Grading Main St.....	600 00	
Concreting Sidewalks.....	500 00	
Auburn and Beacon Sts.....	200 00	
Sidewalk Salem St.....	100 00	
Sidewalk Mt. Vernon St.....	50 00	
Flagstones.....	150 00	
Guideposts.....	50 00	
Clearing Snow in 1881-82.....	300 00	
“ “ “ 1880-81.....	142 69	
Fire Department.....	1,700 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		18,642 69

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	18,642 69
Cistern Mt. Vernon St.....	350 00
Repairing Hearse.....	120 00
Street Lights.....	450 00
Town Officers.....	2,100 00
Cemetery.....	300 00
Public Library \$300, and Dog Tax	
\$207 94.....	507 94
Military Aid.....	1,200 00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	1,500 00
Soldiers' Graves.....	100 00
Old South Clock.....	50 00
Interest on Town Debt.....	3,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,457 81

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\$30,778 44

## EXPENDITURES.

For Schools.....	8,130 02
School Incidentals.....	776 35
Support of Poor.....	2,626 90
Highways and Bridges.....	3,039 81
Grading Main St.....	600 00
Concreting Sidewalks.....	414 21
Auburn and Beacon Sts.....	189 44
Sidewalk Salem St.....	100 00
" Mt. Vernon St.....	50 00
Flagstones.....	105 63
Guideposts.....	24 71
Clearing Snow in 1881-2.....	300 00
" " " 1880-81.....	142 69
Fire Department.....	1,582 92
Cistern Mt. Vernon St.....	349 96
Repairing Hearse.....	120 00
Street Lights.....	425 14
Town Officers.....	1,749 08
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	20,706 86

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	20,706 86	
Cemetery.....	300 00	
Public Library.....	507 94	
Military Aid.....	1,611 56	
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	1,103 00	
Soldiers' Graves.....	100 00	
Old South Clock.....	50 00	
Interest on Town Debt.....	2,787 00	
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	29,686 36
Balance of appropriation unexpended..		<hr/> \$1,092 08

#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report: In the foregoing financial statement the expenses, as a whole, have been kept below the amount of appropriations; in some departments the expense has been considerably less, and in others more than the sum appropriated. In certain departments it is difficult to make an accurate estimate of the sum that may be required on account of the uncertainty as to the amount that may be needed—for instance, in the department of Military Aid: the demand under Section 252 on the basis of the monthly payments of February 1881, which was twenty dollars, the amount needed for the year would have been two hundred and forty dollars; the increase in the demands has been two hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty cents, making the total expense \$514.80 instead of \$240. The nature of this demand is such that immediate payment must be made, and we have necessarily overdrawn the appropriation for Military Aid. Another instance is the clearing of snow: necessity has compelled the expenditure of \$180.19 more than the appropriation, and the excess remains unpaid.

In view of these cases, and that such are liable to occur in the future, we suggest that the Selectmen be authorized to transfer any sum, that may not be needed for the specific object for which it was appropriated, to any other that may be deficient in amount of appropriation, enabling them to pay all demands for the financial



year, unless they should exceed the whole amount of appropriations. The financial statements of the several departments not under our immediate supervision will be found in their appropriate places, and show that the affairs of said departments have been managed with the usual ability of the several Boards of Officers in charge.

After careful estimate we present for your consideration the following list of appropriations for the ensuing year:

For support of poor.....	\$2,800 00
town officers .....	2,000 00
military aid .....	1,800 00
street lights.....	650 00
printing.....	275 00
abatement of taxes.....	300 00
town office.....	200 00
miscellaneous expenses.....	250 00

#### NIGHT WATCH.

Especial attention is called to the article in the warrant in regard to a night watch; in previous years this article has been passed over without action. To all conversant with occurrences during the past year it must be apparent that public safety demands that the subject should receive attention and favorable action.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By the Engineer's report it will be seen that the services of this department have not been required to quell serious conflagration in our midst; alarms have been promptly responded to, and it creates a feeling of comparative safety to know that, while unknown danger may threaten in the immediate future, we have an efficient Fire Department under wise, judicious and competent management.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

The appropriation for street lights, above named, is estimated on the present number of lights; should more be added, it would require an addition to the amount specified.

## MINERAL STREET.

In accordance with the instructions given us at the last annual meeting of the town, we petitioned the honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex for authority to lay out and construct a public town way, known as Mineral street, over and across the location and tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad at grade. The authority prayed for was granted, subject to approval of the honorable Board of Railroad Commissioners. A petition was presented to said Board of Railroad Commissioners for their consent to said crossing, which they declined to give.

In closing our report, we would mention as features of interest the increase in valuation, activity in new branches of industry, and the consequent increase of demand for tenements, indicating a prosperous future.

JAMES REID,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN,		
JOSEPH L. PRATT,		

## Collector of Taxes.

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R. DEXTER TEMPLE, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF READING.

March 1, 1881.

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1880.....	\$ 5,482 97	
committed tax list of 1881 .....	34,040 45	
interest on taxes of 1880.....	120 72	
"    "    "    " 1881.....	79 21	
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/>	39,723 35

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By cash paid James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, on		
1880.....	\$4,204 52	
"    James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, on		
1881.....	26,179 84	
"    James A. Bancroft, interest on		
1880.....	120 72	
"    James A. Bancroft, interest on		
1881.....	79 21	
"    Amos Stone, County tax of 1881,	979 89	
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/>	31,564 18
Balance uncollected.....		\$8,159 17
Uncollected taxes of 1880.....	\$1,278 45	
"        "    1881.....	6,880 72	
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$8,159 17

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, Collector.

*Reading, March 2, 1882.*



## Auditor's Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

### LIABILITIES.

Town notes, March 1, 1881.....	\$52,400 00	
Town notes, March 1, 1882.....	49,900 00	
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Decrease for the year.....	2,500 00	\$49,900 00
Interest accrued on town notes.....	542 70	
Due Fire Department (estimated).....	1,150 00	
Miscellaneous debts.....	100 00	
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		1,792 70
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		\$51,692 70

### AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of the year 1879.....	52 09	
“ “ “ “ “ 1880.....	1,278 45	
“ “ “ “ “ 1881.....	6,880 72	
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes.....	259 79	
Due from city of Boston.....	292 21	
town of Malden.....	73 50	
town of Lynnfield.....	1 50	
State (aid account).....	1,269 50	
“ (military aid).....	277 40	
Unexpended balance of State school fund...	176 48	
Cash in treasury.....	8,430 03	
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		\$18,991 67
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Net debt March 1, 1882.....		\$32,701 03

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm.....	\$4,500 44	
Personal property at town farm.....	2,404 00	
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		\$6,904 44

Cemetery land and lots.....	\$2,300 00	
Hearse .....	75 00	
House .....	50 00	
	<hr/>	2,425 00
“Eagle” engine and hose carriage.....	500 00	
House .....	500 00	
“Hancock” engine and hose carriage.....	450 00	
House .....	1,200 00	
“Washington” engine.....	25 00	
House .....	20 00	
Hook and ladder, carriage, etc.....	300 00	
Furniture and hose.....	1,250 00	
	<hr/>	4,245 00
Property in town office.....	400 00	
School houses and furniture.....	30,000 00	
Public library.....	3,000 00	
Piano and apparatus in High School.....	500 00	
	<hr/>	33,900 00
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		\$47,474 44

We have examined the books of Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector, for the year ending March 1, 1882, and find the same neatly and accurately kept and properly vouched. The balance of cash on hand is correct, as stated by your Treasurer.

In making our report a year ago we suggested it might be desirable to change, in some respects, the manner of keeping the accounts.

We take pleasure in saying that, though it has not been considered desirable to change the general method, improvements have been made which have greatly facilitated the Selectmen in their clerical work, and made the auditing of the accounts very satisfactory.

C. H. NOWELL, }  
G. L. PARKER, } Auditors.

*Reading*, March, 2, 1882.

## Road Commissioners' Report.

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The Road Commissioners for the year ending March, 1882, respectfully submit the following report: We have expended the amount appropriated for highways where, in our judgment, it would do the most good. In undertaking to repair forty miles of road with three thousand dollars, there will be some places which will have to be left unfinished. The roads are in as good condition as can be expected for the amount of money that has been expended on them.

We would recommend that three thousand dollars be appropriated for ordinary repairs, and four hundred dollars for clearing snow the ensuing year.

The receipts and expenses have been as follows :

### ORDINARY REPAIRS.

Paid William Holmes,	.....	\$25 50
Albert Nichols,	.....	12 75
J. A. Bancroft for labor.....		11 25
Estate of P. H. Jaquith for labor.....		18 00
Henry Gorus	“ .....	13 80
G. W. Batchelder for gravel.....		5 45
Estate of C. H. Moulton for labor.....		7 30
Patrick Barrett	“ .....	46 20
Jaques Gowing	“ .....	11 75
M. D. Parker for gravel.....		30 06
Wendell Bancroft for labor and material....		16 71
Martin Forbes	“ .....	10 50
Michael Forbes	“ .....	9 75
Benjamin Peterson for labor and material...		130 69
Matthew Hanley for gravel.....		30
Boston Machine Co. for grate castings.....		23 30
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$383 31



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$383	31
Paid Boston and Maine R. R. Co. for freight.....		56
Stephen Hall for labor.....	1	50
James E. Wilkins “ .....	20	00
J. A. Blunt “ .....	9	12
H. S. LaClair “ .....	265	11
O. N. Jones “ .....	103	28
J. D. Jones “ .....	11	25
A. E. Batchelder “ .....	3	75
Webster Eames “ .....	81	15
W. J. Bessey “ .....	27	15
J. B. Nichols “ .....	19	25
W. H. Nichols “ .....	18	00
W. B. Nichols “ .....	10	50
B. F. Pratt “ .....	38	40
Charles H. Ballard “ .....	48	00
Charles Wakefield “ .....	3	25
A. G. Carter “ .....	27	60
“ “ for posts.....	7	80
M. A. Stone for sundries.....		67
W. L. Jones for labor.....	22	20
J. A. Smith “ .....	5	25
Newton Symonds “ .....	19	50
J. L. Pratt for gravel.....	11	05
Jonathan Moulton for labor.....	251	00
Emerson Smith “ .....	106	80
Daniel Sullivan “ .....	76	20
Patrick Burns “ .....	74	85
Amos Damon, 2d “ .....	91	80
Charles Green “ .....	57	60
Asa Parker “ .....	84	60
S. M. Pratt “ .....	8	10
H. F. Parker “ .....	9	00
T. F. Gould “ .....	7	91
Jeremiah Shannon “ .....	81	15

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*Amount carried forward,* 1,986 66

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,986 64
Timothy Doucette for labor.....	11 00
G. H. Parker for gravel.....	10 64
Ezra Manning for labor.....	14 55
W. B. Ramsdell ".....	3 75
Joseph Stokes ".....	80 85
Whittemore Brothers for plow, etc.....	17 25
C. A. Weston for labor.....	239 45
John Mellen ".....	88 50
O. A. Swain ".....	78 75
Timothy Riordan ".....	90 00
Richard Wilkins for covering stone.....	10 00
" " for labor.....	7 00
G. W. Atkinson for sundries.....	1 70
George Beasley for labor.....	106 95
R. A. Harmon ".....	107 10
J. F. Bickford ".....	72 60
Dennis Babb ".....	6 00
R. C. Totten ".....	9 35
Dominique Doucette ".....	13 60
Parker & Stone for sundries.....	1 30
J. M. Eames for labor.....	4 38
Cummings' Express ".....	1 95
A. G. Emerson ".....	25 20
W. P. Downing ".....	1 50
Town of North Reading for Barnard Bridge,	59 78
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	\$3,039 81
Unexpended.....	3 44
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	\$3,043 25

Appropriation.....	\$3000 00
Received of different persons for loam and stone....	43 25
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	\$3043 25

## MINERAL STREET.

Paid H. S. LaClair for labor.....	\$ 3 50
Orin N. Jones   “.....	1 50
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	5 00
Unexpended.....	87 70
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Balance of appropriation.....	\$92 70

## CONCRETING SIDEWALKS.

Paid George H. Nichols for concreting on High	
Street.....	\$ 1 93
Woburn and Sanborn Streets.....	59 54
Ash and Gould Streets.....	10 34
Temple Street.....	26 21
Pleasant Street.....	9 54
West Street.....	13 96
Haven and Sanborn Streets.....	46 16
Salem Street.....	77 89
Woburn and Washington Streets.....	39 84
Main Street.....	38 56
Summer Avenue.....	120 24
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	414 21
Unexpended.....	85 79
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	\$500 00
Appropriation.....	\$500 00

## CHANGING THE GRADE OF MAIN STREET.

Paid John Mellen for labor.....	\$39 75
C. A. Weston   “.....	99 75
Joseph Stokes   “.....	40 95
O. A. Swain   “.....	37 80
Patrick Burns   “.....	35 25
Timothy Riordan   “.....	41 25
J. A. Bancroft   “.....	2 00
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*Amount carried forward,* \$296 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	296 75	
Paid Patrick Barrett .....	1 00	
J. E. Wilkins " .....	2 35	
Daniel Sullivan " .....	37 80	
R. A. Harmon " .....	58 60	
Estate of P. H. Jaqueth for labor.....	40 20	
G. W. Atkinson for gravel.....	39 96	
Lyceum Hall Association for gravel.....	56 50	
Methodist Society " .....	23 30	
Richard Robinson " .....	1 60	
R. C. Totten for labor.....	4 86	
George Beasly " .....	13 80	
Cummings' Express for labor.....	90	
Waldo Brothers for drain pipe.....	22 33	
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	\$600 00	
Appropriation.....		\$600 00

## LAYING FLAGSTONES ON HIGH STREET.

Paid O. A. Swain for labor.....	\$ 1 50	
John Mellen " .....	3 75	
Timothy Riordan " .....	1 20	
C. A. Weston " .....	9 35	
Estate of P. H. Jaqueth for labor .....	2 70	
Joseph Stokes " .....	30	
J. A. Bancroft " .....	1 75	
W. E. Perkins for gravel.....	30	
Oscar Foote " .....	18	
B. Peterson for stone and laying the same...	84 60	
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	105 63	
Unexpended.....	44 37	
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	\$150 00	
Appropriation.....		\$150 00

## BUILDING SALEM STREET SIDEWALK.

Paid Jonathan Moulton for labor.....	\$25 00
Emerson Smith       “ .....	12 75
Patrick Burns       “ .....	12 75
Amos Damon, 2d     “ .....	12 75
Daniel Sullivan     “ .....	12 75
Dennis P. Babb      “ .....	16 50
George H. Parker for gravel.....	4 00
Estate of C. H. Moulton for drain stone.....	3 50

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\$100 00

Appropriation ..... \$100 00

## BUILDING MT. VERNON STREET SIDEWALK.

Paid Jonathan Moulton for labor.....	\$20 00
Emerson Smith       “ .....	9 00
Amos Damon, 2d     “ .....	7 50
Ezra Manning       “ .....	7 50
Asa Parker           “ .....	6 00

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\$50 00

Appropriation ..... \$50 00

## BUILDING AUBURN AND BEACON STREETS.

Paid H. S. LaClair for labor.....	\$83 24
Orin N. Jones       “ .....	39 00
Webster Eames      “ .....	27 00
E. B. Eames         “ .....	2 00
J. E. Wilkins       “ .....	16 50
R. M. Boyce         “ .....	16 50
J. A. Blunt          “ .....	2 34
C. A. Weston         “ .....	80
M. A. Stone for sundries.....	1 20
G. W. Atkinson for road rake.....	85

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184 44

Unexpended..... 10 56

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\$200 00

Appropriation..... \$200 00

## REPAIRING AND ERECTING GUIDE-BOARDS AND POSTS.

Paid Timothy Riordan for labor.....	45	
Wendell Bancroft     "     .....	4 35	
Moses E. Nichols     "     .....	96	
C. A. Weston     "     .....	10 20	
Garfield & Co.     "     .....	8 75	
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Unexpended.....		25 29
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		\$50 00
Appropriation.....		\$50 00

## CLEARING SNOW.

Paid John Owens for labor.....	\$5 25
R. A. Harmon     "     "     .....	82
A. S. Johnson     "     "     .....	9 60
Joseph Stokes     "     "     .....	4 95
Bradley Bancroft     "     .....	4 50
Timothy Riordan     "     .....	6 00
O. S. Adams     "     "     .....	1 80
S. R. Roby     "     "     .....	1 73
Albert Jones     "     "     .....	1 05
Jeremiah Shannon     "     .....	3 60
W. L. Jones     "     "     .....	29 55
Henry Damon     "     "     .....	60
O. A. Swain     "     "     .....	8 55
B. C. Clark     "     "     .....	2 10
Daniel Sullivan     "     "     .....	2 70
G. W. Batchelder     "     .....	90
E. L. Colson     "     "     .....	4 50
Albert Emerson     "     "     .....	8 25
R. B. Nichols     "     "     .....	36 60
Asa Parker     "     "     .....	21 53
E. P. Nichols     "     "     .....	7 50
John Hutchinson     "     .....	1 35
Daniel Nichols     "     "     .....	4 50
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Amount carried forward,	\$167 93

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$167 93
Paid M. D. Parker .....	6 00
William Holmes " " .....	3 00
J. A. Jones " " .....	75
E. S. Gleason " " .....	3 00
J. D. Jones " " .....	60
H. S. Nichols " " .....	75
H. S. LaClair " " .....	12 20
W. H. Nichols " " .....	5 93
J. B. Nichols " " .....	12 53
A. G. Nichols " " .....	6 30
Orin N. Jones " " .....	60
W. B. Ramsdell " " .....	8 67
Charles Green " " .....	75
S. M. Pratt " " .....	1 20
Patrick Burns " " .....	4 73
Emerson Smith " " .....	1 95
Levi N. Estes " " .....	2 25
Zeba Lampro " " .....	45
R. M. Boyce " " .....	19 50
George Beasley " " .....	16 25
D. P. Babb " " .....	17 70
H. D. Babb " " .....	3 75
John H. Orr " " .....	60
Charles A. Weston " .....	2 61
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	\$300 00
Appropriation .....	\$300 00

There is due the following persons on account of clearing snow:

Jonathan Moulton for labor .....	32 65
H. S. Randell " " .....	26 50
Henry Gorus " " .....	5 25

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$64 40
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$61 40
W. E. Moulton	"	"	61 75
E. O. Gowing	"	"	4 50
C. A. Weston	"	"	27 54
Wendell Bancroft	"	"	14 50
"	"	" snow plow	7 50
			<hr/> \$180 19

CHARLES A. WESTON, { Road  
 JONATHAN MOULTON, { Commissioners  
 HENRY S. LACLAIR, { of Reading.

Reading, March 1, 1882.

## Report of the Board of Engineers.

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### *To the Board of Selectmen of Reading:*

Since our last annual report the number of alarms to which our department responded are as follows:—

April 24, 1881. Alarm caused by the burning of a large area of woodland in the towns of Reading and Lynnfield. At this fire our department rendered good service and saved a large amount of cordwood. The loss of cut and growing wood was heavy, but fell mostly on citizens of Lynnfield.

May 4, 1881. Alarm from Hyde & Co.'s factory on Lowell street. Slight damage.

May 30, 1881. Alarm caused by the burning of a barn in North Reading. A portion of the department went to the limits of the town and returned.

August 17, 1881. The tallow rendering establishment of Curtis Davis & Co. in the southerly part of the town was totally destroyed, but no alarm was given, as the distance was so great it was considered useless. Damage, \$500; not insured.

October 17, 1881. Alarm caused by the burning of a kettle of tar on the premises of F. O. Dewey. No damage.

November 24, 1881. The barn and silo of J. K. Foss on West street was totally destroyed, and his house was very badly damaged. Loss estimated at \$5,000; fully insured.

February 3, 1882. Alarm caused by a slight fire at the Chauncy Rubber Works on Lowell street. Loss, \$75; fully insured.

Total number of alarms, 7. Total loss, \$5,575; total insurance, \$5,075; loss over and above insurance, \$500.

We have no change to report in the condition of the companies or apparatus, they remaining in about the same condition as last year. During the year a large cistern has been built at the junction of Church and Mount Vernon streets, at an expense of \$350, and we recommend that an appropriation be made for a cistern to

be located in the vicinity of the Walnut Street School-house during the ensuing year. At our last annual meeting a committee was chosen to investigate and report on the subject of providing better accommodations for Engine Company No. 4 and Sumner Hook and Ladder Company No. 1. That committee have held several meetings and have given the matter a thorough examination, and we learn that they have perfected a plan whereby the above-named companies can be accommodated. They have submitted their views to the Board of Engineers, and they meet our cordial and unanimous approval. Their report has been submitted in print to the citizens of the town, and we recommend that the legal voters give it a candid perusal. The expenses of the department the past year were as follows:

Paid T. Littlefield, smoke-pipe and grate for Eagle Engine-house.....	\$ 2 50
A. S. Richardson, for services as Steward of Hancock Engine Company to May 1, 1881.....	48 00
C. H. Lang, for services as Chief Engineer to May 1, 1881.....	25 00
Lang's Express, sundries.....	9 20
John A. Blunt, for services as Steward of Eagle Engine Company to May 1, 1881..	60 00
James Dewhurst, for services as Engineer to May 1, 1881.....	12 00
Members of Fire Department, for services for year ending May 1, 1881.....	1,305 50
George H. Parker, for services as Engineer to May 1, 1881.....	12 00
George H. Parker, for services as Clerk of Engineers .....	5 00
A. H. Buxton, for services as fireman during the year ending May 1, 1881.....	2 50
G. W. Atkinson, sundries.....	2 58
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,484 28

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,484 28	
Paid Hunneman & Co., sundries .....	7 90	
G. W. Simmons, overalls .....	5 00	
N. W. Broad, labor .....	5 09	
Edward C. Nichols, for services as Engineer to May 1, 1881 .....	12 00	
Hunneman & Co., sundries .....	5 72	
Estate of Daniel Creesy, for services as Engineer to May 1, 1861 .....	12 00	
Samuel Brown, sundries .....	8 25	
Samuel Brown, for services as Steward of Hook and Ladder Company from May 1, 1880, to May 1, 1881 .....	3 00	
N. W. Broad, labor .....	1 87	
J. C. Gleason, coal and wood .....	7 13	
Theodore F. Gould, drawing hooks and ladders to fires .....	2 75	
John A. Blunt, sundries .....	6 10	
Parker & Stone, sundries .....	1 92	
Samuel Brown, hauling hooks and ladders to fire .....	1 00	
E. B. Eames, hauling hooks and ladders to fire, Summer street .....	1 00	
G. W. Atkinson, sundries .....	1 88	
William L. Crowe, clearing snow from cisterns .....	4 75	
T. Littlefield, stove-pipe for Eagle Engine-house .....	2 50	
W. Bancroft, hauling engine to fires .....	4 00	
Wendell Bancroft, coal for Hancock Engine-house .....	3 75	
Albert Janes, clearing snow for cistern .....	1 00	
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Amount of appropriation .....		1,582 92
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Amount unexpended .....		\$117 00

It will be seen that \$117.08 of the appropriation of last year remains unexpended, and we know of no reason why the expenses of the ensuing year will be increased; but it is well to provide for any unforeseen expense that is liable to occur, and we recommend an appropriation of seventeen hundred (1,700) dollars to cover the expenses of the ensuing year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. LANG, Chief Engineer.

E. C. NICHOLS,	}	Assistants.
GEO. H. PARKER,		
J. DEWHURST,		
W. L. CROWE,		

GEO. H. PARKER, Clerk.

*Reading*, March 15, 1882.

## Report of Cemetery Committee.

Since the last annual meeting, that portion of the land added to the Cemetery by a recent purchase of Mr. Dana Parker, which lies to the north of the part originally occupied, has been laid out into lots and avenues and paths, graded. The use of this land seemed to make a fence between the Cemetery and the land adjoining, which is occupied for residences, absolutely necessary. This we have built. The money realized from the sale of lots has been more than enough to pay for the improvements which have been made.

We respectfully submit the following financial statement:

Balance on hand March 1, 1881.....	\$93 59	
Appropriation by the town at its annual meeting for 1881 .....	300 00	
Received from sale of lots.....	504 00	
	<hr/>	\$897 59
Expended in care of ground.....	\$299 00	
Paid for stone-posts and gate-rests and setting them.....	42 00	
Paid Wendell Bancroft for labor and materials in making gates, etc.....	49 23	
Expended in grading new avenues and paths and preparing of additional land for burial purposes.....	190 50	
Paid Ethan Willis for lot in way of new avenue..	25 00	
Paid for surveying and plan.....	19 00	
Paid Wendell Bancroft for labor and material in building new fence.....	115 30	
Paid M. E. Nichols for painting gates, etc. ....	4 46	
	<hr/>	\$744 49
Balance on hand.....		\$153 10
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;"> F. O. DEWEY,  G. C. GLEASON,  W. J. WIGHTMAN,  JAS. A. BANCROFT,  W. S. RICHARDSON,  S. BANCROFT, </div> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div>Committee.</div> </div>		

*Reading, March, 1882.*

## Library Report.

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The trustees of the public library submit the following as their annual report :

The town appropriated.....	\$300
Dog licenses.....	207 94
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	\$507 94

We have expended for books.....	\$238 10
Rebinding do .....	11 75
Rent.....	125 00
Insurance.....	18 75
Librarian.....	104 75
Printing.....	7 50
Express, etc.....	2 09
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	\$507 94

Number of books purchased, 203.

Number of books contributed, 8.

Whole number of books in library, 4,619.

Whole number of patrons, 763.

Per cent. of circulation : —

Adventures and Travel.....	10
Biography and History.....	20
Juvenile and Fiction.....	55
Miscellaneous.....	15

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We depart somewhat from our usual custom and give a list of the books recently purchased that the patrons of the library may have a ready substitute for a catalogue. The list will also enable our citizens generally to see what books are added to the library and thereby create a more general interest in it. We think the list sufficiently attractive to secure such a result. An unusual num-



ber of volumes has been purchased, as our other expenses have been somewhat reduced, particularly in the matter of rebinding dilapidated books. We have been fortunate for two years in having this work done in a superior and serviceable manner at reduced prices, by Messrs. Allen and Washburn of Plymouth.

There is still need of more care by some of the patrons of the library in using the books. They are not economical toys for the amusement of the infantile portion of the household, although the illustrations are often quite attractive to them. It is better also to use the card as a book-mark than to turn down the leaves at every stopping place. There can be no valid excuse for torn leaves, and even the customary fine cannot restore missing pages. Parents should see that their children use the books with the same care that they take of their own.

Complaint is occasionally made that young gentlemen, whose beards are not grown, gather around the entrance to the library and conduct themselves greatly to the annoyance of young ladies visiting the library. This ought not so to be, and the police have been desired to be present and prevent such exhibition of ill-manners. The attendance of the officers is effectual for the time being, but as they are not paid for such labor they naturally decline voluntary services of this sort for any extended period of time, and the offenders very possibly take advantage of the officers' absence. The trustees have considered the matter of sufficient importance to justify an arrest of one or more of these offenders, but which has not yet been carried into effect, as it is hoped a notice of our intentions may prevent such disturbances in the future. We do not suppose that these incivilities are considered by the offending boys themselves as anything more than mere exhibitions of a certain sort of smartness; but the results of one or two arrests would realize to them the unpleasant fact that the young ladies have rights that the boys must respect.

We desire to call attention to the fact that the town needs better library accommodations than what we now have, or can secure, at any expense within our appropriations. More room is needed for books and for those persons who wish to consult books in the library without taking them away, or in other words it is very desir-

able that there be a reading-room in connection with the library. We have examined somewhat carefully the recommendations of the committee that a new edifice be erected on the vacant land corner of Salem and Main streets for the various town offices and library. It meets our wishes and has our approval if there be no legal objection. Such a building would be central, easily accessible from all points, not exposed to fire from any other buildings, fire-proof itself, and an ornament to a location that seems unfit for any other purpose that is so worthy of it.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN FOSTER,

*Chairman.*

HIRAM BARRUS,

*Secretary.*

WALTER S. PARKER,

H. G. WADLIN,

JAMES H. GRIGGS,

CYRUS M. BARROWS,

*Trustees.*

Reading, March 27, 1882.

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## LIST OF BOOKS.

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### BIOGRAPHICAL, ETC.

Young Ben. Franklin.  
 Boyhood of Martin Luther.  
 Count Agenor-de Gasparin.  
 Garfield's Words.  
 " Eulogy on.  
 Harold—Last Saxon King.  
 Shakespeare—American View.  
 Sketches of James T. Field.  
 Thomas Carlyle.  
 Washington Irving.  
 Noah Webster.  
 Webster's Great Speeches.  
 Winthrop's Life and Letters.

### FICTION, ETC.

Among the Thorns.  
 Around the Yule Log.  
 At Last.  
 Ayala's Angel.  
 Baby Rue.  
 Blessed St. Certainty.  
 Bloody Chasm.  
 Bread and Beer.  
 Brigitta.  
 By the Tiber.  
 Cape Cod Folks.  
 Character.  
 Capturing a Locomotive.

Consecrated.  
 Cross Patch.  
 Dingy House.  
 Dorothy.  
 Dr. Wortle's School.  
 Eunice Lathrop, Spinster.  
 Fearful Responsibility.  
 Five Little Peppers.  
 Gentlemen of Leisure.  
 Hereward.  
 Hope Mills.  
 Hulda.  
 In the Distance.  
 Jewelled Serpent.  
 Katherina.  
 Kith and Kin.  
 Letter of Credit.  
 Links in Rebecca's Life.  
 Madeline.  
 Matrimony.  
 Matter of Fact Girl.  
 Nihilist Princess.  
 No Gentlemen.  
 Old Friends and New.  
 Phemie's Temptation.  
 Pretty Miss Bellew.  
 Prince and Pauper.  
 Prince of Good Fellows.  
 Rex Ringold's School.  
 Ruth Erskine's Crosses.  
 Stories of the War.  
 Story of Peasant Boy.  
 Synnove Solbakken.  
 That Beautiful Wretch.  
 The Little Mother.  
 The Moral Pirates.  
 The Tsar's Window.  
 Toby Tyler.  
 Uarda.  
 Vicar's Daughter.  
 Warlock O'Glenwarlock.  
 Wild Adventures.

## HISTORY.

History for Boys.  
 Boy's History of America.  
 " " " Boston.  
 " " " India.  
 " " " Germany.  
 " " " Russia.

History of Goshen.  
 Boston Town.  
 Baker's Turkey.  
 First Church in Boston.  
 Mexico, — Our Next Door Neighbor.  
 Stories of Old Dominion.  
 Boy's of '61.

## LAND AND SEA.

Aboard the Mavis.  
 Across Patagonia.  
 At Home in Fiji.  
 Commercial Products of the Sea.  
 Country Byways.  
 Cruise of the Ghost.  
 Land of Midnight Sun.  
 My Winter on the Nile.  
 One Year Abroad.  
 Round the World.  
 Sea Kings and Naval Heroes.  
 Sea Mosses.  
 Story of U. S. Navy.  
 Swiss Letters.  
 Travels of Marco Polo.  
 U. S. Geographical Surveys.  
 Voyage of the Vega.  
 Zigzag Journeys.  
 Bodley's in Town, etc.  
 " Telling Stories.  
 Wanderings in South America.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Authors and Authorships.  
 Age of Chivalry.  
 The Boy's Froissant.  
 Beauty in Dress.  
 Democracy in America.  
 Domestic Problems.  
 Ecce Spiritus.  
 Every Day Topics.  
 Farm Festivals.  
 From Different Standpoints.  
 Matter of Fact Girl.  
 Only a Girl.  
 Six Girls.  
 Four Girls at Chatauqua.  
 Chatauqua Girls at Home.  
 What Girls Can Do.  
 Gold Foil.

Hours with the Bible.  
 Parlor Amusements.  
 Plain Talks.  
 Religio Medici.  
 St. Nicholas (2 vols.)  
 The Making of England.  
 The Mound Builders.  
 Virgil—(Gov. Long.)  
 Text Book of Temperance.  
 Talks on Temperance.  
 Lectures on Alcohol.  
 Forty Years Fight.  
 First Book of Knowledge.  
 World of Wonder.

PRACTICAL TOPICS.

Abbott's Water and Land.  
 " Force.  
 " Heat.  
 " Light.  
 Alcohol and the State.  
 Co-operation.  
 Familiar Allusions.  
 Gleanings in Fields of Art.  
 Amenities of Home.

Our Homes.  
 Without a Home.  
 Home Garden.  
 Index to National Philosophies.  
 Opium Smoking.  
 Report Chief Signal Officer.  
 Sewer Gas and its Dangers.  
 The Verbalist.  
 Wonders of Science.  
 Desert Home.  
 Forest Exiles.  
 Portrait.  
 Bart Ridgely.  
 Tried and True.  
 Dr. Breen.  
 Only Sister.  
 Flaxie (4 vols.)  
 Queer Girls.  
 Darnil Gap.  
 Woman in White.  
 Orthœpist.  
 Idler.  
 Nonogenarian  
 Little Prudy Stories (6 vols.)  
 Dotty Dimple (6 vols.)



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR 1881-2.

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## Report.

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In conformity to the law and general custom, we present you with the following report:

The Board organized April 4, 1881, with the choice of Mr. H. G. Wadlin as Chairman, and Mr. H. G. Kittridge as Secretary.

We continued as organized until July, when our Chairman resigned.\* The Board very reluctantly received his resignation, believing that the town thereby lost a tried and valuable member of the School Board, a gentleman of liberal culture, who had a good knowledge of the needs of our schools. We organized with the choice of the present officers of the Board and sub-committees. Before the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. H. G. Wadlin was filled, another member of the Board, Arthur W. Temple, resigned. His resignation was received with regret.

In August we met in convention with the Selectmen, and elected James A. Bancroft and Edward F. Parker to fill the vacancies.

The terms of Messrs. Kittredge, Parker and Bancroft expire causing three vacancies to be filled at the ensuing annual meeting,

The Prudential matters have been left during the past year in the hands of Messrs. S. E. and Edw. F. Parker. Every school-house was visited and examined thoroughly during the summer vacation, and needed repairs made. The blackboards were related in many houses at considerable expense, and the walls whitewashed. The outbuildings were thoroughly cleaned. We hope that by special care they will long remain in a clean and desirable condition. A new furnace was put into the High School. The Committee earnestly desire that some plan might be adopted to better ventilate the school rooms; much can be done by a thoughtful teacher in this direction, but no amount of care and thoughtfulness can properly ventilate a small room crowded with children. Yet how important it is that our children should have pure air, and of the right temperature. It is impossible to do this with our present systems of ventilation unless windows are opened

Then "the prevention is more dangerous than the disease." "Avoid a draught as you would an arrow." Many of our school rooms have windows on two sides. By a careful observation of the direction of the wind, the windows on the leeward side could be opened without much risk to the pupils. The matter of physical education is very much neglected in our American school system. What is the brain worth without the power of bodily endurance to aid it? We need a little of the Spartan power of endurance—of the Greek physical culture. There are too many of our High School graduates who have narrow and contracted chests and stooping forms, with little power of endurance.

#### VACANCIES.

We have been unfortunate in having a large number of vacancies occur in our corps of teachers during the past year. We believe the facts will bear us out in asserting that we have made no mistakes in filling those vacancies, although six months or a year is a short time to fully prove the worth of a teacher.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Perry, Principal of the High School, resigned in August, after working conscientiously and to the best of his ability for nearly a year. The Committee received many applications for the vacancy caused by his resignation, and visited schools to see applicants at their work. We were unanimous in electing our present Principal, Mr. Edward P. Fitts, who came to us with the highest recommendations as to character and qualifications, and with the experience of several years of very successful teaching.

It was with surprise and regret that the Committee received intimations that Miss Pierce intended to give up her situation on account of failing health.

We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Cora A. Adams, a former pupil of the High School and a graduate of Salem Normal School, who had had a successful experience in the Lowell evening schools.

We believe the High School was never in a better condition, for hard, honest work, than at present. We affirm that, with the hearty co-operation of the parents and earnest work on the part

of the pupils, our High School will take a stand as one of the best in the State.

Several years ago the Committee made a change in the sessions of the High School. The senior class attended only during the afternoon, the remainder of the school in the forenoon. The change was considered necessary, because the number of pupils was large and the Principal labored under the difficulty of having but one assistant. We have now two assistants. The Committee believed that better work would be done if all the pupils attended two sessions daily. From the past year we are convinced that the change was a wise one. We were gratified at the cheerful and ready acquiescence of parents and pupils in the change.

There is one subject in connection with the High School which has been mentioned in one of the past Reports, and we feel it our duty to reiterate it at this time. It is the tendency to make the graduation a show of finery and flowers, rather than a simple, quiet, intellectual ending of school days in the Public Schools. We believe in the exhibition as an opportunity to show the proficiency of our children in any department of culture—music, speaking, reading, recitation, etc. But we believe the graduation is simply a means, not the end. It should be merely incidental—graduation for the *benefit* of the pupils, not the pupils for the graduation. Consider for a moment the idea of twenty young ladies spending the greater part of the last term of their school life—a term which should be especially marked with strong mental growth—in long and earnest discussion over the color of some ribbon, or whether all should be dressed in the same material and of the same color, resulting sometimes in bitter feelings. The expense has been so great a burden in some cases that pupils have been obliged to forego graduation. This should not be. Properly conducted, we believe the public graduation to be in its influence beneficial and productive of much good, but easily carried in directions which are injurious in their tendencies and detrimental in their results to the cause of education.

#### GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY.

In our Grammar and Primary Schools we have filled several vacancies, by teachers who were fortified with successful expe-

rience, and they have fulfilled the expectations of the Committee. We received the resignations of Miss Lindsay of the Lower Medium School, and Miss Evelyn Bancroft of the Woburn Street Primary School, with the keenest regret, as both were teachers who had been tried in the schools for many years, with the highest and most commendable success, endearing themselves to their pupils and obtaining the most profound respect from the parents. We deem ourselves unfortunate in losing such valuable members from our corps of teachers.

#### DRAWING.

This is a subject which has been long neglected in our schools. The Committee have decided to introduce it at the beginning of next term. It seems unnecessary at this time, after the subject has been so thoroughly discussed and its practicability and utility made so plain, that we should advance any plea for its adoption. According to an explicit statute of the State we should have adopted it long ago. It has been well said by a prominent educator that: "It is indispensable as an element of general education, and it lies at the foundation of all technical education. It is difficult to conceive of any human occupation to which education in this branch would not prove beneficial. Everybody needs a well-trained eye and a well-trained hand. Drawing is the proper means of imparting this needed training. Drawing, properly taught, is calculated even more than vocal music, perhaps, to facilitate instruction in all other branches of education." Commercially speaking, not a single subject taught in our schools can demand a better price than the power to draw in the direction of industrial art. Not one subject can conduce more to the development of our country, and the increase of her wealth and reputation. The well-educated draughtsman is prepared for work in any of the various industrial occupations. J. W. Dickinson, Secretary of the Board of Education, says: "Drawing has for its object that training of the hand and eye which lays a foundation for skill in the arts. Such training leads to that appreciation of art necessary to create a demand for its products; it leads the mind to make a more careful examination of the objects of study; it furnishes the best method

of describing those objects that have form and size; it has a refining influence by cultivating the taste, and it improves morals by exciting a love for the beautiful." It is needless for us to add that it has been proven beyond refutation, that the same proportion of pupils can learn to draw as can be taught to write.

#### PROMOTIONS.

In the promotions at the beginning of the year, we found some difficulty in getting pupils and parents to accept cheerfully the results of the examinations.

But we feel assured that, with one or two exceptions, those pupils who were detained a second year in one school have profited by the detention.

Parents and pupils should remember that it is no disgrace, and has proved this year to be a blessing to many.

The committee are anxious to raise the standard of our schools. We believe more work should be done in the Grammar and Primary schools, and better results attained.

The pupils are young when they enter the High school, (which of itself would not be a serious objection, provided they were well qualified.) But they are not well grounded in the Grammar school studies. Therefore we have made two divisions in the first and second Grammar schools, thereby adding a year at least to our Grammar school course. In case of slow pupils it will add two years to their Grammar school work.

It is no kindness to a child to promote him before he is qualified. It is unreasonable to expect those pupils who enter together in the Primary schools will always keep together and graduate in the same class from the High school. Some are by nature intellectually slow, others must be kept back on account of ill-health, others on account of weakness of body and mind inherited from their ancestors. This trying to make them all do the same work in the same time is the weak place in our graded system.

Parents speak often of the inefficiency of our schools, but are not willing to have their children brought up to better work and a higher degree of efficiency.



## ATTENDANCE.

In looking over the registers of the different schools, we find that the attendance has been poor, and the number of cases for tardiness very large. We respectfully solicit the attention of the parents to this matter. Its importance cannot be over estimated. A pupil cannot advance successfully with his class if he is absent a large part of the time. He must be present in order to receive instruction.

What more *practical* lesson can be taught than habits of punctuality and regularity? What sphere of life can a young person enter upon where these two qualifications will not be of the first importance? Yet, in no department of school life can the parents help more. In considering our child's advancement we look too often to his intellectual attainments rather than to his moral and mental growth. What is quickness in figures compared with habits of industry? Knowledge of history compared with punctuality? Ability to write well with a steadiness of purpose? What is all knowledge compared with moral power and wisdom?

In looking after the form we often forget the substance. In the cultivation of the mind we neglect the heart.

There has been, we believe, too frequent dismissals in many of the schools. One of the most important lessons of educational life is lost if pupils are allowed to be dismissed except for absolute necessity.

## SUPERVISION.

Our country schools need better supervision. It is a deficiency long felt by our prominent educators, from Horace Mann to the present time. The school committee supply the deficiency to a limited extent; but no board can do it thoroughly, no matter how faithfully they perform their duties. Supervision consists of two things, inspection and examination.

School committees generally inspect, but very few of them examine thoroughly. By "inspection" we mean visiting the school for the purpose of seeing the daily routine of works, the condition of the building and furniture, ventilation, heat, cleanliness; noticing the relation of pupils and teacher, the manner and quality of

teaching, the discipline and its effect, the general bearing and behavior of the pupils in their intercourse with each other and with the teacher.

Examination includes the testing of pupils by oral and written examination on the work done in the class during each term. Inspection implies not only a critical examination of the details of every day school life, but also should carry with it a knowledge of schools and the best methods of instruction, in order that kindly suggestions and timely advice could be given to the teacher.

Many of the smaller towns have united and hired a superintendent, others have made arrangements by which the High school Principal is enabled to give a part of his time to the supervision of the lower grades. We believe the best interests of our schools would be enhanced by the latter plan. It could be accomplished without any additional expense.

If the Principal should spend only two or three hours a week in supervising the lower grades much good would be accomplished.

#### PARENTS.

Those persons who are the most thoroughly acquainted with our schools hold the highest opinion of them. They know their virtues as well as their faults. The unjust criticisms come from those who have either no knowledge or a very superficial knowledge of them. Therefore we earnestly desire that parents and friends of education would visit the schools, and see their children and teachers at work in the school room. It stimulates the children and encourages the teacher. Horace Mann went so far as to maintain the opinion:—  
“As the *parents*, so is the school.”

#### DISCIPLINE.

Character is moulded more by feeling than thinking, especially is it true of children. There must be mutual love and respect between pupils and teacher; with that love should come that magnetic force,—that indescribable, invisible something,—which draws the pupils to the teacher and creates order, interest, activity, cheerfulness and the joy of conscious progress, and shows its effect in the growth of the child. Without this love and respect, except by fear and brute force, we see disorder, listlessness, indolence, mis-



chievousness and dislike of study. One is true discipline—self-government; the other is the substitute of it—brute force.

Notwithstanding the important element which love furnishes in discipline, there is danger of love degenerating into softness; there is an element of hardihood to be encouraged to meet life. Our children must have fortitude and a strength of mind and body, which can be secured only by habits of vigorous activity.

How much parents can aid in all this will be realized when we remember that the first five years of a child's life are at home and under only home training. These are maintained by many to be the most important years of a child's life. Obedience is, or ought to be, first taught at home.

#### ARITHMETIC.

This subject has received the special attention of the Committee during the past year, not because we think it the alpha and omega of all education, but because we deem it one of the important studies, and we found in our examinations that the pupils were more deficient in this branch than in any of the others.

A child begins the study of numbers before he learns to read, and there is no reason why a child should not be taught the four fundamental principles of arithmetic when he first enters school. Caution should be used to carry on the combinations with numbers not over ten, and with the aid of objects. We believe improvement has been made during the past year.

The teachers have been consulted in relation to instruction in the metric system. We hope to report progress on this subject in our next report. It is not improbable, that the pupils attending school at the present time will live to see the metric system of weights and measures universally used in the United States. It has already been adopted by most of the civilized nations of the world.

#### TEACHERS.

The celebrated French philosopher and educator, Cousin, said: "As the teacher, so is the school." This truism has never been refuted. We can build palatial school-houses, provide them with elegant furniture and valuable apparatus, have them kept neatly

and comfortably, yet have very poor schools. If we have *good teachers*, we can have good schools with very few conveniences and meagre appliances of education. *The soul and life of the school resides in the teacher.* Upon him depends whether the influences emanating from the school-room will be transitory, or whether they will be felt by the pupil throughout his whole life. When Philip of Macedon brought his son (afterwards Alexander the Great) to be instructed by "that man who, considered in respect his intellect, was the most remarkable man that ever lived," he said to him these words: "I thank the Gods not so much that they have given me a son, as that he is born in the time of Aristotle, under whose instruction I hope the young Prince may become worthy of his high destiny." Was it the buildings and surroundings, or Dr. Arnold's magnetic power and noble character, that made Rugby possible and "Tom Brown" a reality. Our late lamented President testified to the influence upon his career "of the venerable and honored Mark Hopkins, who, in the fullness of his powers, survives the eminent pupil to whom he was of inestimable service." As so much depends on the ability of the teacher, how necessary it is that we should rightly consider the qualifications which he ought to possess. In order that we may be able to judge correctly, we must have a correct idea of education in its broadest sense—morally, mentally and physically. Education should draw out and develop the *whole nature*. Committees, in their examination of candidates, consider too often only the intellectual qualifications, which are very easily ascertained, but are only one of the indications of a good teacher. A person may possess encyclopediac knowledge, but have very poor faculty to *impart* the same. Dr. Arnold admirably said, when inquiring about a master, "I prefer activity of mind and an interest in his work to high scholarship, for the one may be acquired far more easily than the other." The teacher should possess a high moral character, reinforced by unlimited enthusiasm and love for his work. He must be able to impart and make that enthusiasm felt. He must be able to instruct and inspire his pupils to *do*, as well as to know (*we all know better than we do*); not only communicate knowledge, but what is worth more, the *love* of it. A teacher cannot

form character, but can help the pupil in many ways to form his own character. Much of the school work must be self-help. Character implies self-government. Telling is not teaching. Any body that can read can "hear the lessons," but very few can teach. A good teacher must always be a student; the pupils must draw from a mind of constant activity—

"For little way his learning reaches,  
Who reads no more than what he teaches."

It has been well said that "what is to be sought is skill in suggesting points of thought; in questioning so as to lead the understanding on the way, and in placing the subject of study in a variety of lights and relations which may interest different minds. The man who wishes to teach, and not merely hear lessons, must put himself in living sympathy with the learners, must detect their difficulties, and by his own superior knowledge supply the helps which contribute to the activity and interest of the mind." He will then feel the "luxury of teaching." Dr. Arnold's power was his intellectual energy, decision and uprightness. By his perfect integrity of character he exerted a moral influence over his boys, not only while under his care and tutelage, but throughout their whole lives, urging them on to *noble deeds* and a true manhood. He taught the important lesson that

"Life is real, life is earnest."

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend that the sum of \$8,000 be raised for the maintenance of schools, and \$700 additional for incidental expenses. Attention is invited to the tables, etc., accompanying this report.

#### SUB-COMMITTEES.

HIGH SCHOOL—W. S. Parker and H. G. Kittredge.

FIRST GRAMMAR—H. G. Kittredge.

SECOND GRAMMAR—Dr. George E. Putney.

THIRD GRAMMAR—S. E. Parker.

UPPER MEDIUM—J. A. Bancroft.

LOWER MEDIUM—W. S. Parker.

UPPER PRIMARY—Edward F. Parker.

LOWER PRIMARY—W. S. Parker.

WALNUT STREET SCHOOL—Dr. Putney.

WOBURN STREET SCHOOL—J. A. Bancroft.

LOWELL STREET SCHOOL—H. G. Kittredge.

MAIN STREET SCHOOL—Edward F. Parker.

HAVERHILL STREET SCHOOL—S. E. Parker.

Respectfully submitted.

WALTER S. PARKER,

*Chairman.*

HENRY G. KITTREDGE,

STILLMAN E. PARKER,

DR. GEORGE E. PUTNEY,

EDWARD F. PARKER,

JAMES A. BANCROFT,

} School  
Committee  
of  
Reading.

ADOPTED IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

March 11, 1882.

## APPENDIX.

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading.....	3,181
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1881.....	519
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel and care of rooms.....	\$8,000 00
Amount appropriated for incidentals.....	700 00
Amount drawn from State School Fund.....	185 83
Amount received from other sources.....	20 54
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Total receipts.....	8,906 37
Expended for instruction, fuel and care of rooms.....	\$8,130 02
Expended for incidentals.....	720 54
Expended for books, etc.....	55 81
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Total expenditures.....	\$8,906 37

### PUPILS.

Whole number of pupils enrolled during the year.....	606
Average whole number (from returns of each term).....	526
Average daily attendance.....	458
Per cent. of attendance (based upon average number enrolled),	.87
Number enrolled during the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory school age).....	320
Number of pupils admitted to High School.....	42
Youngest pupil admitted, age.....	12 years 6 mos.
Oldest " " " .....	16 " 7 "
Average age of pupils admitted.....	14 " 4 "

## TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed.....	1
Number of female teachers employed.....	16
Average wages per month of female teachers.....	\$37 50
Number of teachers who have attended normal schools.....	9
Number of teachers who have graduated from normal schools.....	8

NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL,  
JUNE, 1881.

Edea R. Beers,	Helen G. Brown,
Hattie M. Chase,	Sylvinia F. Moulton,
Agnes H. Forbes,	Susan R. Nichols,
Mary E. Freeman,	Emma W. Rich,
Mary A. Graves,	Catherine C. Wight,
Jennie D. Harnden,	George A. Vermille,
Lydia A. Holden,	Charles L. Walker,
Althea M. Howard,	John E. Walker,
Fannie A. LaClair,	Willie A. Weston.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1881, and the schools to which they belong.

## HIGH SCHOOL

†Martha E. Babb,	Mary A. Bancroft,
**Hattie E. Damon,	**Emma M. Damon,
‡M. Alice Emerson,	Abbie J Eames,
**Annie C. Lawrence,	Charles A. Norris,
§Annie M. Moulton,	Frank S. Vermille.

## FIRST GRAMMAR.

Frank Norris (not absent—tardy once).

## SECOND GRAMMAR.

Annie M. Vermille,  
Nellie Riordan (not absent—tardy once).  
George Dow, “ “

## THIRD GRAMMAR.

Charles Damon,	*Everett Skinner,
Mamie Vermille,	†Kirke Sanborn.

## UNION STREET UPPER MEDIUM.

\*Henry W. Jones.

## UNION STREET LOWER MEDIUM.

Eben G. Beard.

## UNION STREET UPPER PRIMARY.

May L. Temple,

Wilfred Bancroft.

## WOBURN STREET GRAMMAR.

\*Lucy Roby.

## WALNUT STREET GRAMMAR.

Delia Converse.

## LOWELL STREET MIXED.

\*Nathaniel G. Hill.

## HAVERHILL STREET MIXED.

Willie H. Killam.

\* Neither absent nor tardy in two years.

† Neither absent nor tardy in three years.

‡ Neither absent nor tardy in four years.

\*\* Neither absent nor tardy in five years.

§ Neither absent nor tardy in six years.



# Table Showing Salaries, Attendance and Number of Visitors.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Number of Visitors.	Teachers now Employed.	Salary now Paid.	Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance.			Pupils during year over 15 years.	Pupils during year under 5 years.
				1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		
High School.....	151.	{ E. P. Pitts, Principal Miss Mary L. Stinchfield, 1st Assistant. Miss Cora Adams, 2d Assistant.	\$1200 00 per year. 12 00 per week.	87	98	33	85	96	87	67	.....
First Grammar.....	139.	Miss Jennie R. Barrus.....	13 00 do	44	32	32	42	30	29	9	.....
Second Grammar.....	120.	Miss Harriet R. Morse.....	12 00 do	25	31	28	22	26	31	4	.....
Third Grammar.....	114.	Miss Alice M. Barrows.....	12 00 do	27	29	25	25	26	24	.....	.....
Woburn Street Grammar.....	90.	Miss Clara J. Coney.....	12 00 do	30	33	31	27	29	17	.....	.....
Walnut Street Grammar.....	70.	Miss Sarah M. Pearson.....	8 00 do	25	22	23	20	16	17	.....	.....
Upper Medium.....	123.	Miss Evelyn S. Foster.....	10 00 do	28	33	33	25	32	25	.....	.....
Lower Medium.....	154.	Mrs. Alice Emerson.....	9 00 do	33	35	36	31	32	28	.....	.....
Union Street Upper Primary.....	228.	Mrs. Sarah A. Goodbridge.....	10 00 do	58	52	54	51	46	41	.....	.....
Union Street Lower Primary.....	210.	Miss F. M. Stebbins.....	10 00 do	54	48	48	43	38	31	.....	.....
Walnut Street Primary.....	76.	Miss Martha F. Davis.....	6 00 do	38	37	38	32	27	26	.....	.....
Walnut Street Mixed.....	41.	Miss Vestina P. Converse.....	6 00 do	30	31	28	29	33	21	.....	.....
Lowell Street Mixed.....	67.	Miss Cora M. Prescott.....	9 00 do	28	24	20	23	17	23	.....	.....
Main Street Mixed.....	42.	Miss Ella F. Wakefield.....	6 00 do	10	10	10	10	9	8	.....	.....
Haverhill Street Mixed.....	73.	Miss L. A. Wakefield.....	6 00 do	15	10	11	13	9	9	.....	.....
Totals.....	1,698			530	525	522	478	470	427	80	3

## Expenses of Schools.

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### INSTRUCTION.

Paid for teaching High School.....	\$1,913 75
First Grammar.....	494 00
Second Grammar.....	456 00
Third Grammar.....	456 00
Woburn Street Grammar.....	438 00
Walnut Street Grammar... .	304 00
Upper Medium.....	380 00
Lower Medium.....	354 00
Union Street Upper Primary.	380 00
Union Street Lower Primary.	356 00
Woburn Street Primary.....	258 30
Walnut Street Primary.....	228 00
Lowell Street Mixed.....	330 00
Main Street Mixed.....	228 00
Haverhill Street Mixed.....	228 00
Instruction in Music.....	340 00
	————\$7,144 05

### JANITORS.

Paid for care of Centre School Buildings.....	\$ 318 00
Woburn Street School Buildings.	55 40
Walnut Street School Buildings.	51 50
Lowell Street School Buildings.	31 25
Main Street School Buildings...	28 50
Haverhill Street School Buildings	28 50
	————\$513 15

*Amount carried forward,*

*\$7,657 20*

*Amount brought forward,*

\$7,627 20

## FUEL.

Paid Wendell Bancroft for coal.....	\$ 267 00
J. C. Gleason for coal.....	13 75
J. L. Parker for wood.....	130 20
E. F. Parker for wood.....	7 50
George Beasley for wood.....	14 00
Labor on wood.....	40 37
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	\$472 82

Total amount expended..... \$8,130 02

## Receipts : —

Appropriation.....	\$8,000 00
Drawn from School Fund.....	130 02
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	\$8,130 02

## STATE SCHOOL FUND.

Balance, March, 1881.....	\$ 161 66
Received from Treasurer of Commonwealth....	200 65
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	\$362 31
Expended for books, etc., on incidental account	55 81
for tuition.....	130 02
Amount remaining unexpended.....	176 48
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	\$362 31

## TUITION OF NON-RESIDENTS.

Balance, March, 1881.....	\$7 90
Tuition.....	6 00
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	\$13 90
Paid into Treasury incidental account.....	\$13 90

## INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid W. H. Twombly, printing.....	\$34 00
Cummings' Express fees, 1880-'81.....	18 00
Lang's Express fees.....	90
Daniel L. Barnard, labor.....	1 00
J. L. Hammett, sundries.....	16 25

*Amount carried forward,*

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\$70 15

Paid N. W. Broad, labor and material.....	101 45
Marshall & Sparrell, tickets for High School graduating exercises.....	1 25
D. Lathrop & Co., books.....	12 60
George L. Perry, sundries.....	10 64
Citizens' Gas Light Company, gas for High School .....	5 60
Old South Parish, use of church.....	15 00
Old South Sabbath School, use of piano, 1879-'80-'81.....	9 00
F. J. Bancroft, tuning piano.....	1 50
New England School Furnishing Company, bell.....	1 25
William Ware & Co., sundries.....	8 33
G. W. Atkinson, sundries.....	4 70
S. E. Parker, traveling expenses.....	5 00
S. R. Roby, labor.....	6 18
D. P. Babb, labor.....	1 25
Daniel Appleton & Co., sundries.....	3 50
A. G. Whitcomb, desks, etc.....	36 25
E. Davies, Cyclopeda.....	12 00
H. G. Kittredge, cash for sundries.....	13 64
R. P. Burgess, labor and material.....	20 40
Elizabeth Gordey, cleaning school-rooms..	5 00
Moses E. Nichols, labor and material.....	8 96
A. D. Albe, ink wells.....	34 50
A. W. Danforth, books.....	21 30
W. H. Willis, books.....	4 15
George E. Stevens, furnace and fixtures....	202 20
F. E. Brooks, cleaning windows.....	3 00
E. F. Parker, sundries.....	11 94
J. B. Plummer & Co., sundries.....	5 75
J. C. Cook, setting glass.....	2 00
A. S. Richardson, labor.....	3 50
Garfield & Co., slating black-boards.....	84 95

*Amount carried forward,*

**\$724 99**

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$724 99	
Paid Garfield & Co., slating blackboards, 1880...	12 55	
Warren Parker, repairs.....	3 18	
J. N. Nichols, repairs.....	70	
H. P. Pratt, cleaning Old South Church for exhibition.....	3 00	
S. M. Hall, repairs.....	50	
Wendell Bancroft, repairs.....	8 00	
Parker & Stone, sundries.....	2 88	
Bessie Duley, book.....	25	
Titus & Stevens, repairs of stove.....	75	
T. Littlefield, sundry supplies and repairs.	9 60	
George O. Batchelder, rent of Main Street School lot.....	5 00	
Mrs. George O. Batchelder, cleaning for schools.....	3 00	
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Total amount expended.....		\$776 35
Receipts :—		
Appropriation.....	\$700 00	
From sale of old junk.....	6 14	
From tuition of non-residents.....	13 90	
Drawn from school-fund.....	55 81	
For setting glass.....	50	
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		\$776 35

# TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the third day of April, A. D., 1882, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors, Treasurer, Collectors, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioners, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library and Trustees of the Cemetery.

ART. 3. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, two School Committee for three years, one School Committee for one year, one Road Commissioner for three years, and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks the ensuing year, provided the abutters pay one half the expense of laying the same.

ART. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the improvement of the common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To take a vote, as provided in Chapter 54 of the Statutes of 1881, on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year. In this vote the check list will be used and the ballots will be "yes" or "no," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 7. To see if the town will release to Eben Beard, the real estate at the southwest corner of Pleasant and John Streets, now occupied by him, or what action shall be taken in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see what provisions and arrangements the town will make concerning truant children and absentees from school as required by law.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept from Sabrina Nichols one hundred dollars in trust; the income to be applied to taking care of Jonathan Baldwin's lot, No. 359, in the Reading Cemetery.

ART. 10. To see if the town will remove the pump at the junction of Main and Ash Streets; the same not being a public necessity, and is dangerous to public travel.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct the engineers to dispose of Engine No. 3, and also the Engine House.

ART. 12. To see if the town will lower the Walnut Street School House to a proper level with the street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the town will instruct the Road Commissioners to use the gravel remaining in the Walnut Street school yard, upon the highways.

ART. 14. To see if the town will comply with the request of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in sending to his office the balance of the old journals of the House of Representatives now in the town clerk's office.



ART. 15. To see if the town will erect and maintain a sufficient number of bulletin boards to accommodate the requirements of the town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to transfer any unexpended balance which may not be needed for the object for which it was appropriated to any other for which the appropriation is insufficient.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay notes owed by the town and negotiate others of the same amounts when it can be done at a lower rate of interest.

ART. 18. To see if the town will employ a night watch the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars for the widening of Ash Street, as required by the order of the County Commissioners, and appropriate such sum in addition as may be required.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars for the purpose of removing the ledge on Main Street, opposite the estate of the late Newton Bancroft, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the town will build a cistern at the corner of Lowell Street and Bancroft Avenue, and also at or near the corner of Summer Avenue and Walnut Street.

ART. 22. To see if the town will erect and maintain street lights at the corner of Parker and John Streets, John and Union, High and Green, Minot and Washington, Main and Avon, Summer Avenue and Mineral, and also on Summer Avenue at a point two hundred and

fifty feet south of Mineral Street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purchase of a new flag and topmast, and for repairing and painting the flagstaff.

ART. 24. To determine how much money the town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, for repairing highways and bridges, for the Fire Department, for the support of the poor, for lighting and care of street lights, for salaries of town officers, for military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, and miscellaneous expenses for the ensuing year.

ART. 25. To determine how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Cemetery the ensuing year.

ART. 26. To determine how much money the town will raise for the repair and decoration of soldiers' graves the ensuing year.

ART. 27. To determine how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the Public Library the ensuing year.

ART. 28. To determine how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the Old South Clock the ensuing year.

ART. 29. To determine how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of interest on the town debt the ensuing year.

ART. 30. To determine how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of the town debt the ensuing year.

ART. 31. To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen at the last annual town meeting to investigate the matter of a new engine house for Eagle Engine No. 4, and also the needs of the Hook & Ladder Company.

ART 32. To see if the town will erect a town building in accordance with the suggestions of the committee named in article 31, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 33. To see what action the town will take in regard to the payment of a note of fifteen thousand dollars due Maria L. Delabaire, January 1, 1883.

ART. 34. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 35. To see what instructions the town will give their Assessors and Collector.

ART. 36. To hear and act on a list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 37. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners in relation to guideposts.

ART. 38. To see if the town will accept the report of the Road Commissioners, on naming the street on the easterly side of the Common leading from Pleasant street past the residence of C. D. Wright, Esq., and Lucius Turner, to Salem street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings therein, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-third day of March, A. D., 1882.

JAMES REID,	} Selectmen of Reading.
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN,	
JOSEPH L. PRATT,	

A true copy.—Attest:

WILLIAM L. CROWE,  
Constable.









